



PRESS RELEASE

WBCA Honors the 2008 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA NCAA Division I Regional Coaches of the Year

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 19, 2008) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) is proud to announce the 2008 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA Regional Coach of the Year winners for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I.

Below are the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA Regional Coaches of the Year winners listed by region:

Region	Coach	Institution
Region 1	Geno Auriemma	University of Connecticut
Region 2	Sylvia Hatchell	University of North Carolina
Region 3	Pat Summitt	University of Tennessee
Region 4	Keitha Adams	University of Texas at El Paso
Region 5	Debbie Patterson	Kansas State University
Region 6	Lisa Bluder	University of Iowa
Region 7	Elaine Elliott	University of Utah
Region 8	Joanne Boyle	University of California, Berkeley

The winners are selected through a two-level process. The first level is by region, in which coaches from each WBCA geographical region vote for their respective top coach. If a coach has been selected as Regional Coach of the Year, they advance as a finalist to the national level of the selection process along with the other Regional Coaches of the Year in their respective division.

The winners of the WBCA National Coach of the Year for each division will be honored on Monday, April 7, 2008, at Noon (ET) during the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National Coach of the Year Luncheon presented by AstraZeneca in the Marriott Waterside's Grand Ballroom. The luncheon is part of the 2008 WBCA National Convention, held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

About RUSSELL ATHLETIC

For more than 100 years, Russell Athletic has been designing and producing the most innovative, most comfortable apparel to help athletes at all levels perform their best. From the youth practice fields, to premier collegiate teams, to the most respected professional arenas, whenever you see athletes and teams who demand the highest quality, exceptional durability, and extreme comfort, you'll find Russell Athletic.

