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McCoughtry's Outstanding Postseason Player Earns her National Player of the Month Nod

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 31, 2008) -- University of Louisville junior, Angel McCoughtry, has been named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) National Player of the Month for March.

McCoughtry led the Louisville Cardinals to the program's first ever Sweet 16 appearance as the No. 4 seed in the New Orleans region of the 2008 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament, the highest tournament seed in school history. The junior forward averaged 23.1 points per game in March with 8.9 rebounds per game, 2.0 assists per game and an average of 3.4 steals. She tallied 20 points and seven rebounds in the Cardinals' win over No. 4 Rutgers in the BIG EAST tournament, marking the first time Louisville ever defeated a Top 5 squad as they advanced to the tournament championship game.

A member of last year's WBCA All-America Team, McCoughtry earned First Team All-BIG EAST honors for the second time this season after being named the league's Player of the Year in 2007. She currently ranks fourth in the nation in scoring and second nationally in steals, leading the BIG EAST with 23.8 points and 4.1 steals per game this season. A pre-season "Wade Watch" candidate, she was recently named a finalist for The State Farm Wade Trophy.

McCoughtry, a native of Baltimore, Md., currently holds the single season scoring and steals record at Louisville, setting both marks as a sophomore last season. She also broke the single game scoring mark last year when she netted 41 points against Eastern Illinois. Last summer she won a gold medal representing USA Basketball at the Pan Am Games in Brazil.

Players earning WBCA National Player of the Month Honorable Mention for March include: Danielle Hood, Hartford (America East); Kimberly Beck, George Washington (Atlantic 10); Latisha Belcher, East Tennessee State (Atlantic Sun); Takia Starks, Texas A&M (Big 12); Megan Frazee, Liberty (Big South); FahKara Malone, Purdue (Big Ten); Janae Young, Pacific (Big West); Shahida Williams, Old Dominion (Colonial Athletic); Jareica Hughes, UTEP (Conference USA); Kailey Klein, Cleveland State (Horizon League); Robyn Fairbanks, Utah Valley (Independent); Jeomi Maduka, Cornell (Ivy League); Anna McLean, Iona College (Metro Atlantic); Lauren Prochaska, Bowling Green (Mid-American); Shalamar Oakley, Coppin State (Mid-Eastern); Kristi Cirone, Illinois State (Missouri Valley); Ashley Hayes, Murray State (Ohio Valley); Candice Wiggins, Stanford (Pac-10); Cara Enright, Army (Patriot League); Candace Parker, Tennessee (Southeastern); Rachel Watman, Oral Roberts (Summit League); Crystal Kelly, Western Kentucky (Sun Belt); Amanda Rego, San Diego (West Coast); Jaleesa

Ross, Fresno State (Western Athletic).

*WBCA National Player of the Month is based on achievements during the respective month for nomination. All nominations must come from the conference office and the player's head coach must be a member of the WBCA.