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Red Team Scores Record 114 Points to Win WBCA High School All-America Game

TAMPA, Fla. (April 5, 2008) -- The future stars of tomorrow shined in Tampa Bay in the 2008 Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) High School All-America Game *presented by Nike* Saturday, as the Red Team set a new team scoring record in the 114-79 win over the White Team.

Led by State Farm/WBCA High School Player of the Year Elena Delle Donne, the Red Team produced early and often en route to breaking the event scoring record of 111 points, set by the White Team in 2001. After Whitney Hand hit a three-pointer to take a 5-4 lead with 17:57 remaining in the first half, the Red Team never trailed in the remainder of the game. The Red all-stars sprinted out to a 16-point margin thanks to a 26-8 run over the next seven minutes. They ultimately headed into the locker room at halftime leading 58-32.

Delle Donne, a University of Connecticut signee from Ursuline Academy in Greenville, Del., earned Red Team MVP honors thanks to her 11 first half points, which led the squad at intermission.

"All-star games are different," said Delle Donne, who finished shooting 5-for-7 from the floor and tallied 17 points. "At first it seemed a little more selfish, which I don't like because it's not my style of play. We made sure that we played as a team today, and we had so much fun together."

It truly was a team effort for the winning squad, as seven players scored in the double digits. Tiffany Hayes, another future member of the UConn Huskies, scored a game-high 18 points. Meanwhile, North Carolina commit Chay Shegog recorded the game's only double-double, pulling down 11 boards and netting 15 points.

"I told them to just go out there and have fun and give these people their money's worth," said RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA High School Coach of the Year Andy Zihlman, who coached the Red Team. "Both teams played hard, had some nice plays, manned the floor well and even played pretty good defense for an all-star game. The score was high, but I think that's the way it should be (in an all-star game)."

The White Team put together a better second half, scoring 47 points and improving on a first half field goal percentage of 30.8 percent. Maryland recruit Lynetta Kizer led the second-half charge for the White, with 13 points on 5-for-9 shooting in 13 minutes. Kizer, along with White Team MVP and future Stanford Cardinal Nnemkadi Ogwumike, led the White Team with 17 points. Ogwumike added six boards and was perfect in four attempts from the charity stripe.

"The experience has been amazing," Ogwumike said, "and it was such an honor to meet all the State Farm Coaches' All-America Team members and Candice Wiggins. It gave me a little taste of what college will be like, especially when you make it this far into the NCAA tournament. It's been great just to see all these amazing players and phenomenal athletes playing together and showcasing their talent."

Ultimately, the Red Team's efficient offense, which shot 51.4 percent from the floor, was too much for the White Team to overcome.

"Win or lose you just want to take something positive away from a game like this," said White Team head coach Jill Prudden from Oak Ridge High School in Oak Ridge, Tenn. "It was a tremendous opportunity and I feel really blessed to have the chance to work with some of the best coaches in the nation, to be around tremendously gifted young athletes, and I really appreciate the opportunity."