



PRESS RELEASE

Angel McCoughtry Named WBCA February National Player of the Month

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 5, 2009) -- Louisville senior guard Angel McCoughtry has been named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Division I National Player of the Month for February. This is her second WBCA Player of the Month honor.

McCoughtry was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week three times (Feb. 2, Feb. 16 and Feb. 23) and averaged a double-double for the month of February with 26.0 points and 10.4 rebounds. She helped the Cardinals to a 6-1 record, including a pair of wins over ranked teams (then-No. 22/22 Notre Dame and then-No. 15/20 Pittsburgh). The forward scored 34 points shooting 15-of-23 from the field in a 70-56 win at Villanova on Feb. 21; it was her highest scoring output of the month.

For the third straight year McCoughtry finished atop the BIG EAST statistics in scoring (26.6), rebounding (10.0) and steals (4.8). She also led the nation in steals all year long. McCoughtry is the first player in BIG EAST history to lead the conference in these three statistical categories for three straight seasons. She capped off her regular season with 25 points, 13 rebounds and two steals against Marquette on March 2.

The Cardinals finished second in the BIG EAST standings, marking their highest finish in the league since joining three years ago. Led by McCoughtry, the Cardinals registered its most BIG EAST wins with 14 and tied the school record for most wins in a season with an overall record of 27-3. McCoughtry is the all-time leading scorer (men or women) and rebounder in Louisville history, currently sporting 2,580 points and 1,178 rebounds.

The Preseason BIG EAST Player of the Year, McCoughtry is currently one of 30 members on The State Farm Wade Trophy Watch List. In addition to her conference preseason honors, McCoughtry was also recognized as First-Team Preseason All-American by the *Associated Press* and ESPN.com.

Players earning WBCA Division I National Player of the Month Honorable Mention for February include: Jayne Appel, Stanford (Pac-10), Sha Brooks, Florida (SEC), Jesyka Burks-Wiley, Boston University (America East), Alysha Clark, Middle Tennessee (Sun Belt), Traci Edwards, Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Horizon League), Siarre Evans, East Tennessee State (Atlantic Sun), Megan Frazee, Liberty (Big South), Monica Gibbs, UTSA (Southland), Ashley Hayes, Murray State (Ohio Valley), Jareica Hughes, UTEP (Conference USA), Kelsey Kahle, Portland State (Big Sky), Jantel Lavender, Ohio State (Big Ten), Emily London, Samford (Southern), Gabriela Marginean, Drexel (CAA), Emma Markley, Harvard (Ivy League), Kemie Nkele, UC Riverside (Big West), Lauren

Prochaska, Bowling Green (Mid-American), Monica Rogers, Bradley (Missouri Valley), Danyelle Sneigro, Utah State (Western Athletic), Heather Stec, Siena College (Metro Atlantic), Brittanie Taylor-James, N.C. A&T (Mid-Eastern Athletic), Courtney Vandersloot, Gonzaga (West Coast), Morgan Warburton, Utah (Mountain West) and Jennifer Warkenthien, South Dakota State (The Summit League).

*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.