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Franklin Pierce Forward Johannah Leedham Named DII WBCA Player of the Month

ATLANTA, Ga. (April 1, 2009) -- Franklin Pierce forward Johannah Leedham was named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Division II National Player of the Month for March.

During March, Leedham helped lead Franklin Pierce to their first NCAA Division II final where they battled Minnesota State University–Mankato for the National Championship. In nine games, Leedham averaged 25.1 points, 5.9 rebounds, 3.9 assists per game and 3.2 steals. She shot 55.1 percent from the field and 86.9 percent from the free-throw line. Leedham has scored in double figures in all 91 games of her career.

During the month of March, Leedham was named the Northeast–10 Player of the week for three–straight weeks. During the NCAA tournament she was named the Most Outstanding Player NCAA II Tournament East Regional for the second year. She was also named to the All–Tournament Team NCAA II Tournament East Regional and the All–Tournament Team NCAA II Elite Eight, both for the second year in a row.

Adding to her accolades, Leedham led her team in scoring eight out of nine times, she broke her own program single–season record as she rounded out the month of March and ended her season by reaching 799 total points, which not only matched the Northeast–10 record but it marked the 16th best single–season total in Division II history. She also set an NCAA Division II Tournament record by scoring a total 149 points.

Players earning WBCA Division II National Player of the Month Honorable Mention for March include: Jessica Romano, Philadelphia University (Central Atlantic Collegiate), Samantha Meissel, University of Indianapolis (Great Lakes Valley), Courtney Lee, West Texas A&M (Lone Star Conference), Heather Johnson, Minnesota State–Mankato (Northern Sun Intercollegiate), Latoya Wily, Brigham Young University– Hawaii (Pacific West), Shannon McKeever, Lander University (Peach Belt), Brooque Williams, California University of Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania State Athletic), Allison Rosel, Fort Lewis College (Rocky Mountain Athletic), and Shantrell Moss, Clark Atlanta University (Southern Intercollegiate).

*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.

