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Marissa Coleman Named WBCA DI March National Player of the Month

ATLANTA, Ga. – April 1, 2009 -- Maryland senior guard Marissa Coleman has been named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Division I National Player of the Month for March.

Coleman is coming off an amazing 42-point school-record performance in a Sweet 16 game versus Vanderbilt. The Terps, led by Coleman, came back from an 18-point deficit to defeat the Commodores, 78-74, and advance to the Elite Eight. Coleman went 15-for-27 from the field, made 10-of-11 free throws and grabbed 15 rebounds.

A four-time All-ACC selection after earning first team laurels this year, Coleman was named ACC Tournament MVP. The Cheltenham, Md., native is an incredibly versatile player that ranks in the top-15 in nine of the 10 major statistical categories in ACC play. She became the first player in ACC history with 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds, 400 assists, 200 steals and 100 blocks and just the eighth player in league annals with 2,000 points and 1,000 career rebounds.

On the year, Coleman averaged 18.1 points, 8.6 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 1.9 steals per contest. In her storied career at Maryland, Coleman holds the second-highest all-time records in points, rebounds and free throw percentage. She is also third all-time at Maryland in made three-pointers (172) and fourth in blocks (141). She has played in 144 career games, the most in school history, including 138 straight contests.

She was recently named a State Farm Coaches' All-America Team finalist and is one of 12 players remaining on The State Farm Wade Trophy watch list. Both the All-America Team and Wade Trophy winner will be announced on Saturday, April 4, at the WBCA National Convention in St. Louis, Mo.

Players earning WBCA Division I National Player of the Month Honorable Mention for March include: Amber Bland, N.C. A&T (Mid-Eastern Athletic), Emma Cannon, UCF (Conference USA), Tina Charles, Connecticut (BIG EAST), Alysha Clark, Middle Tennessee State (Sun Belt), Shanavia Dowdell, Louisiana Tech (Western Athletic), Megan Frazee, Liberty (Big South), Danielle Gant, Texas A&M (Big 12), Brooke Johnson, Western Carolina (Southern), Kailey Klein, Cleveland State (Horizon League), Camille LeNoir, Southern Cal (Pac-10), Gabriela Marginean, Drexel (Colonial Athletic), Mandy Morales, Montana (Big Sky), Lauren Pederson, UC Santa Barbara (Big West), Courtnay Pilypaitis, Vermont (America East), Lauren Prochaska, Bowling Green (Mid-American), Brittney Smith, Dartmouth (Ivy League), April Thomas, Austin Peay (Ohio Valley), Courtney Vandersloot, Gonzaga (West Coast), Morgan Warburton, Utah (Mountain

West), Jennifer Warkenthien, South Dakota State (The Summit League) and Kim Wypiszynski, Northern Iowa (Missouri Valley).

*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.