



PRESS RELEASE

Odyssey Sims Named State Farm/WBCA High School Player of the Year

ATLANTA, Ga. (February 9, 2010) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced that Irving MacArthur High School's (Irving, Texas) Odyssey Sims has been named the 2010 State Farm/WBCA High School Player of the Year. The WBCA presents this award annually to the top player in each of the five WBCA collegiate divisions (NCAA Divisions I, II, III, NAIA and JC/CC) and high school.

"It is an honor for the WBCA to present Odyssey Sims with the 2010 State Farm/WBCA High School Player of the Year Award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "We look forward to watching her shine at the collegiate level."

Sims is the top ranked point guard in the country according to HoopGurlz.com while Scout.com and ESPN.com have Sims ranked as the first and second recruit in the country respectively. As a junior, Sims averaged approximately 18.3 points, 7.2 assists and 5.8 steals per game. For the third season in a row, Sims was named District 7-5A MVP and first team all-district. She has earned Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and Texas Girls Coaches Association all-state recognitions. A left-handed point guard, Sims is known for her speed, quickness and ability to play both ends of the floor.

"Odyssey's remarkable achievements both on and off the court make her truly deserving of this prestigious award," said Pam El, Marketing Vice President for State Farm. "State Farm is extremely proud and honored to recognize this tremendous student-athlete and we wish her the best in all her future endeavors."

Sims signed with the 2005 NCAA National Champion Baylor University located in Waco, Texas. This is the second year in a row that a Baylor signee has earned this achievement as Sims falls in the footsteps of Baylor's Brittney Griner.

Sims will be formally honored on Saturday, April 3, during the WBCA High School All-America Game presented by Nike at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. The game is part of the 2010 WBCA National Convention held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®. This year for the first time the college-style regulation game will be held on the same court as the NCAA® Women's Final Four®. Tickets are free for the public and tip-off is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. CT. Tickets for seating in a reserved section are available for purchase at www.wbca.org.

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