



PRESS RELEASE

Sink Named RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National High School Coach of the Year

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 17, 2010) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) has selected Jeff Sink of Brea Olinda High School (Brea, Calif.) as the 2010 RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National High School Coach of the Year. This year marks the 21st year that this accolade has been presented and selected by the WBCA since 1990. With receiving this prestigious award comes the honor of serving as a head coach at the WBCA High School All-America Game *presented by Nike* on Saturday, April 3, 2010, at the Alamodome.

"I am delighted to present Jeff Sink with the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National High School Coach of the Year award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "We are glad to reward the efforts of those who commit themselves professionally to the future of the women's game."

Sink has spent sixteen years at the helm of the Brea Olinda Ladycats. During his tenure, the Ladycats have placed in five California State Championship games, winning four times. This year Sink's team has compiled a 31-2 overall record (10-0 in league play) and will play Mater Dei High School for the state championship on Saturday, March 20. In 2009, Sink led his team to a 33-2 record and won the Division II State Championship for the ninth time .

While at Brea Olinda, Sink's teams have won a state record 10 CIF Southern California championships, and have played in eight Southern California Regional Championship games, winning five times. Sink's team has played in five California State Championship games, winning four state titles (1998, 1999, 2000, and 2009). Sink has helped Brea Olinda continue its unparalleled dominance in Southern California high school basketball. He has led the Ladycats to the Max Preps #1 National Ranking and has twice been named the CIF Southern Section Division 2 Coach of the Year.

Sink has over 30 years of coaching experience with his career record for varsity head coaching currently at 690 wins and 142 losses. He started his coaching career in Fairbanks, Alaska, as the varsity coach at Lathrop High School in 1980. During his 13 years at Lathrop, Sink's team went to the state Final Four 10 times and won two state championships (1988 and 1991).

Sink teaches Advance Placement United States History at Brea Olinda High School. In 2000 Sink was selected as the Orange County Teacher of the Year. He has been married to his wife, Dr. Cathy Sink, for 34 years and the couple has one son, Ian, a graduate of Berkeley and UCLA.

“RUSSELL ATHLETIC has been a part of millions of athletes and coaches lives for over a hundred years. We’ve seen our share of ups and downs, but like so many coaches, with dedication, sacrifice and hard work, RUSSELL ATHLETIC has continued to transcend generations,” said Gary Barfield, Executive Vice President, RUSSELL ATHLETIC. “That is why RUSSELL ATHLETIC is proud to honor Jeff Sink as the 2010 recipient of the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National High School Coach of the Year award. Jeff embodies the true meaning of our belief: proven on the field of play.”

The WBCA would additionally like to congratulate the other eight District Coaches of the Year: Sheila Burleigh (District 1 – South Burlington High School – South Burlington, Vt.); Mike Kopp (District 2 – Allentown Central Catholic High School – Allentown, Pa.); Kenny Carter (District 3 – High Point Central High School – High Point, N.C.); Joe Volker (District 4 – Floyd Central High School – Floyds Knob, Ind.); Dan Rolfes (District 5 – Incarnate Word Academy – St. Louis, Mo.); Teri Morrison (District 6 – Southlake Carroll High School – Southlake, Texas); Mike Croell (District 7 – Broomfield High School – Broomfield, Colo.); Angie Hembree (District 9 – Norcross High School – Norcross, Ga.).

Each winner is selected through a two-level process. The first level is by district, in which coaches from each WBCA geographical district vote for their respective top coach. Sink, having been named the District 8 Coach of the Year, advanced as a finalist to the national level of the selection process along with the other eight District Coaches of the Year in high school. The top four vote getters are invited to coach in the WBCA High School All-America Game *presented by Nike* unless they have received this honor in the past five years.

The coaching line-up has also been selected for the Red and White Teams for the 19th Annual WBCA High School All-America Game *presented by Nike*. The head coach of the White Team will be RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National High School Coach of the Year winner Sink, while Morrison, will lead the Red Team. Serving as an assistant for the Red Team is Rolfes and for the White Team will be Hembree. Co-captain of the Red Team is Renee Montgomery of the WNBA’s Connecticut Sun and Angel McCoughtry of the WNBA’s Atlanta Dream will be the White Team Co-captain.

Sink and the national winners from the other five divisions will be recognized at the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National Coach of the Year Luncheon on Monday, April 5, at 12:30 p.m. CT in the Marriott Rivercenter. The luncheon is part of the WBCA National Convention, held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four® in San Antonio, Texas.

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