



PRESS RELEASE

La Tech's Teresa Weatherspoon Takes Home Maggie Dixon Division I Rookie Coach of the Year Accolade

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 29, 2010) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) has selected Louisiana Tech University's Teresa Weatherspoon as the recipient of the 2010 Maggie Dixon Division I Rookie Coach of the Year award. This distinguished award honors a WBCA Division I head coach who has led their team to a successful season during their first year at the helm.

"One of the WBCA's core values is to assist in the growth and development of young coaches," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "I look forward each season to watching these first-time Division I head coaches take the reign of their programs and lead them to success. Teresa Weatherspoon has done just that this season, and we are proud to honor her and Louisiana Tech with this award."

In her first season at LA Tech, Weatherspoon led the Lady Techsters to a 23-9 mark (11-5 in the Western Athletic Conference) and won the WAC Tournament Championship title. Her team went on to make its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament since 2006. LA Tech went an impressive 10-3 on the road this year, and of the nine losses the Lady Techsters had on the season, four came by four points or less.

Weatherspoon has a career record of 32-11 at LA Tech after taking over the program as interim head coach on February 9, 2009, and won her first eight games. As a former Lady Techster, Weatherspoon led her team to four NCAA Tournaments, two NCAA® Women's Final Four® appearances (1987, 1988) and the 1988 National Championship title. Weatherspoon earned the Wade Trophy in 1988 as the nation's top player and went on to have eight successful seasons in the WNBA with the New York Liberty and the Los Angeles Sparks.

Weatherspoon will be inducted into both the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame this coming June.

Weatherspoon 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.

The Maggie Dixon Rookie Coach of the Year award is in honor of the late Maggie Dixon, former Army head coach, whose success during her inaugural year at the Army helm was remarkable. The Black Knights won the Patriot League title in 2006 and Dixon was named the Patriot League Coach of the Year after leading Army to the

NCAA Tournament for the first time at the NCAA Division I level. Coach Dixon passed away on April 6, 2006, just a few weeks following their appearance in the NCAA Tournament.