



PRESS RELEASE

Illinois State Coach Stephanie Glance Named 2011 Maggie Dixon Division I Rookie Coach of the Year

ATLANTA – Illinois State University head coach Stephanie Glance is the 2011 recipient of the Maggie Dixon Division I Rookie Coach of the Year award, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced today. 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.

"Maggie Dixon was one of my favorite persons in the business," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "And one of my favorite awards to watch is the one named in her honor. Who is going to be the rookie coach of the year, the next great coach? Congratulations to Stephanie Glance for winning this honor."

Glance was named the sixth head women's basketball coach in Illinois State history on April 20, 2010. In her first season at the helm, the Redbirds (24–10) have reached the semifinals of the Women's NIT. They host Southern California on Wednesday night for a berth in the WNIT championship game. Glance's 24 wins this season are the fifth-most in school history and are tied for the most by a first-year Missouri Valley Conference coach, equaling the mark set by Creighton's Jim Flanery in 2002–03.

While Glance may be a rookie head coach, she is a veteran in the coaching profession. With nearly a quarter century of coaching experience, she brought a tremendous pedigree into her first head coaching job, as the only coach to work with Hall of Fame women's basketball mentors Pat Summitt and the late Kay Yow. As an assistant coach, Glance helped guide her teams to 12 NCAA Tournament appearances, reaching the Sweet 16 five times and the 1998 NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

Glance worked with Summitt at Tennessee during the 2009–10 season. She was hired as an assistant to the head coach and was appointed to assistant coach in December 2010. She also served as the Lady Vols' recruiting coordinator. Tennessee went 32–3 last season, won the SEC regular-season and tournament championships and advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament.

Prior to joining the Tennessee staff, Glance served 15 years as the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at North Carolina State. She helped guide the Wolfpack to record of 285–178 and 11 NCAA Tournament appearances, reaching the Sweet 16 four times and the 1998 Final Four. Glance developed a very close relationship while working with Yow, and served as the interim head coach during parts of the 2006–07 and 2008–09 seasons, while the coach battled breast cancer.

Glance started her coaching career as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at

South Florida from 1988–93 and served as an assistant coach at Southwest Texas State during the 1993–94 season. Glance played collegiately at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., earning a bachelor of arts degree in English and education in 1985.

Glance will be formally recognized during the WBCA Awards Show, which will be held at 6 pm EDT Monday, April 4, in the Indiana Convention Center's Sagamore Ballroom. This event is part of the WBCA National Convention and is held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

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.

About the WBCA:

Founded in 1981, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport and to foster and promote the development of the game in all of its aspects as a sport for women and girls. For more information about the WBCA, please visit wbca.org.