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## White Team Prevails in 2011 WBCA High School All–America Game presented by Nike

INDIANAPOLIS – Smyrna (Clayton, Del.) High School's Betnijah Laney, one of the nation's top high school seniors who has yet to declare where she will play collegiately, scored 21 points to lead the White Team to an 83–73 victory over the Red Team in the 2011 WBCA High School All–America Game *presented by Nike*, played today at Conseco Fieldhouse.

The hotly contested, but friendly 20th annual contest, which features the 20 members of the WBCA High School All–America Team, is part of the WBCA National Convention and is held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®. This marked the second year the game was played on the Women's Final Four court.

Trenton (N.J.) Catholic Academy's Briyona Canty, who will play for Rutgers next year, finished with 13 points and eight assists and was named the Most Valuable Player of the White Team. Princess Anne (Virginia Beach, Va.) High School's Elizabeth Williams, a Duke signee who scored 20 points, grabbed eight rebounds and had three blocks, was named the Red Team's MVP.

The victorious White Team was coached by RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA High School Coach of the Year Rich Castellano of North Port (N.Y.) High School, who was assisted by Anne Long of Spring Valley (Columbia, S.C.) High School. Kristi Toliver of the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks served as the White Team's honorary Nike co–captain.

Terri Bamford of La Jolla (San Diego, Calif.) Country Day coached the Red Team. She was assisted by Tony Smith of Bolingbrook (Ill.) High School. Alana Beard of the WNBA's Washington Mystics was the honorary Nike co–captain of the Red Team.

The game, which featured 11 ties and 15 lead changes, was close until midway through the second half when the White Team was able to build a small lead and hang on for the win.

The White Team shot 52.2 percent (35 of 67) from the field and made five 3–pointers. Rutgers–bound Shakena Richardson of Neptune (N.J.) High School went three for three from behind the arc and LSU signee Krystal Forthan of Georgetown (Texas) High School had a double–double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Red Team had five players score in double digits.

The inaugural WBCA High School All–America Game was played April 17, 1992, at Oman Arena in Jackson, Tenn. The 2011 class of WBCA High School All–Americans

joins a long list of well-known past participants including Tamika Catchings, Chamique Holdsclaw, Katie Smith, Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi, Alana Beard, Maya Moore and Brittney Griner.

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#### 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 as a sport for women and girls. For additional information about the WBCA, please visit [wbca.org](http://wbca.org).

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