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Holly Warlick named 2013 Spalding Maggie Dixon NCAA Division I Rookie Coach of the Year

NEW ORLEANS (April 8, 2013) – University of Tennessee's Holly Warlick is the 2013 recipient of the Spalding Maggie Dixon Division I Rookie Coach of the Year Award, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) announced tonight at the third annual WBCA Awards Show. This distinguished award honors a WBCA Division I head coach who has led his or her team to a successful season during his or her first year at the helm.

"It can be overwhelming during a head coach's rookie season, especially when you take over for a legend like Pat Summitt, but Holly has done a tremendous job at the helm of the Lady Volunteers program and will continue to have success," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "We are proud to present Holly with the Maggie Dixon Rookie Coach of the Year award."

"This award represents many things including a lot of passion, hard work, and obviously great coaching," said John Salay, Director Spalding US. "Congratulations to Coach Warlick on being the 2013 Spalding Maggie Dixon Division I Rookie Coach of the Year."

Following 27 years as a loyal assistant to Hall of Fame coach Pat Summitt, Warlick led the Lady Vols to a 27–8 record in her first season as a head coach. In her first season at the helm of the program the Lady Vols continued their streak of earning a berth into the NCAA Tournament every season of the tournaments existence. The Lady Vols also played in their 31st regional appearance in NCAA play. Tennessee is ranked fourth in the nation in scoring offense (77.6), 10th in field–goal percentage (44.9) and 11th in three–point field goal percentage (36.5). The Lady Vols earned their 17th SEC regular–season crown overall this season, finishing with a 14–1 record in conference play.

Prior to being an assistant coach at the University of Tennessee, Warlick served as an assistant coach for two years at both the University of Nebraska and Virginia Tech University.

Warlick was a three–time All–American as a player under Summitt from 1976–80. She continues to hold the Lady Vols single–season steals record with 141 in 1978–79. The Lady Vols made it to the Final Four three times when Warlick was a player (1977, 1979 and 1980).

The Maggie Dixon Rookie Coach of the Year Award is named 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.

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