



PRESS RELEASE

Baylor's Brittney Griner headlines 2012–13 preseason 'Wade Watch' list

ATLANTA (September 18, 2012) – Baylor center Brittney Griner, the 2012 State Farm® Wade Trophy winner, headlines the 2012–13 preseason "Wade Watch" list of candidates for the prestigious award, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced today.

Connecticut leads all schools with three players on the 25-member preseason list. Five schools – defending national champion Baylor, Duke, Kansas, Nebraska and Penn State – are represented by two players each.

Now in its 36th year, the State Farm Wade Trophy is named in honor of the late, legendary three-time national champion Delta State University coach, Lily Margaret Wade. Regarded as "The Heisman of Women's Basketball," the award is presented annually to the NCAA® Division I Player of the Year by the National Association of Girls and Women in Sport (NAGWS) and the WBCA.

The preseason list is composed of top NCAA Division I women's basketball players who best embody Wade's spirit from 18 institutions and eight conferences. A committee of coaches, administrators and media from across the United States compiled the list using the following criteria: game and season statistics, leadership, character, effect on their team and overall playing ability.

Notre Dame's Skylar Diggins, Delaware's Elena Della Donne and Georgetown's Sugar Rodgers join Griner on the preseason list for the third straight year. Alex Bentley of Penn State, Carolyn Davis of Kansas, Stefanie Dolson and Bria Hartley of Connecticut, Chiney Ogwumike of Stanford and Odyssey Sims of Baylor are making their second appearance on the list.

The BIG EAST Conference placed seven players on the preseason list, followed by the Big Ten and Big 12 conferences with five each, the Atlantic Coast Conference with three, the Southeastern Conference with two, and the Colonial Athletic Association and Ohio Valley and Pac-12 conferences with one each.

Here is the complete list of preseason candidates for the 2013 State Farm Wade Trophy in alphabetical order:

Player	Institution	Position	Year
Alex Bentley	Penn State	Guard	Senior
Heather Butler	UT Martin	Guard	Junior

Carolyn Davis	Kansas	Forward	Senior
Elena Delle Donne	Delaware	Forward	Senior
Skylar Diggins	Notre Dame	Guard	Senior
Stefanie Dolson	Connecticut	Center	Junior
Christina Foggie	Vanderbilt	Guard	Junior
Chassidy Fussell	Texas	Guard	Junior
Angel Goodrich	Kansas	Guard	Senior
Chelsea Gray	Duke	Guard	Junior
Brittney Griner	Baylor	Center	Senior
Bria Hartley	Connecticut	Guard	Junior
Taylor Hill	Ohio State	Guard	Senior
Jordan Hooper	Nebraska	Forward	Junior
Maggie Lucas	Penn State	Guard	Junior
Anna Martin	DePaul	Guard	Senior
Alicia Mathies	Kentucky	Guard	Senior
Lindsey Moore	Nebraska	Guard	Senior
Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis	Connecticut	Forward	Sophomore
Chiney Ogwumike	Stanford	Forward	Junior
Sugar Rodgers	Georgetown	Guard	Senior
Shoni Schimmel	Louisville	Guard	Junior
Odyssey Sims	Baylor	Guard	Junior
Alyssa Thomas	Maryland	Guard	Junior
Elizabeth Williams	Duke	Center	Sophomore

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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 more information on the WBCA, visit wbca.org.

