



WBCA announces 2014 Division I Coaches' All-America Team

NASHVILLE (April 5, 2014) – Unbeaten's Connecticut and Notre Dame placed a total of five players on the 2014 WBCA Division I Coaches' All-America Team, which the Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced today in a ceremony held at Bridgestone Arena during the 2014 NCAA® Women's Final Four® Super Saturday festivities.

The 10-member team was decided from a group of 52 finalists by the selection committee at an in-person meeting held during the 2014 WBCA National Convention.

Here are the members of the 2014 WBCA Division I Coaches' All-America Team:

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Stefanie Dolson	University of Connecticut	Senior	Center	6'5"
Bria Hartley	University of Connecticut	Senior	Guard	5'8"
Jordan Hooper	University of Nebraska	Senior	Guard	6'2"
Jewell Loyd	University of Notre Dame	Sophomore	Guard	5'10"
Kayla McBride	University of Notre Dame	Senior	Guard	5'11"
Tiffany Mitchell	University of South Carolina	Sophomore	Guard	5'9"
Chiney Ogumike	Stanford University	Senior	Forward	6'3"
Odyssey Sims	Baylor University	Senior	Guard	5'8"
Breanna Stewart	University of Connecticut	Sophomore	Forward	6'4"
Alyssa Thomas	University of Maryland	Senior	Forward	6'2"

"The 10 student-athletes who have been selected to the 2014 Division I Coaches' All-America Team are extremely deserving of this award," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass.

"These young women have led their teams to be contenders for conference championships and berths in the NCAA Tournament. Each of these young women have shown that they are proven leaders and have taken their program to the next level."

This is the 40th year of the WBCA Coaches' All-America program, which began in 1975. Once again all 10 members of the team were present to be honored in person during the ceremony. Remarkably, in the 40-year history of the program, none of the 400 Coaches' All-Americans thus far honored have failed to appear for the announcement.

Stefanie Dolson. Dolson, a 2013-14 All-American Athletic Conference First Team

pick, is averaging 12.3 points per game and leads the squad at 9.1 rebounds per contest. She leads the conference in field goal percentage and recently became only the fifth Husky all-time, along with Tina Charles, Maya Moore, Rebecca Lobo, and Jamelle Elliott, to register at least 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. Dolson is only the second Husky to four-peat as a conference All-Tournament selection. The 2013-14 American Conference Defensive Player of the Year and Sportsmanship Award winner, Dolson was selected to the All-Lincoln Regional Team and earned All-America recognition from the United States Basketball Writers Association and the Associated Press. She is one of three finalists for the WBCA Defensive Player of the Year award.

Bria Hartley. Hartley, a 2013-14 All-American Conference First Team selection, is second on the team with 16.3 points per game and 166 assists. She is in the league's top-seven in scoring, assists, assist-to-turnover ratio, steals and three-point field goal percentage and has scored 20 or more points 11 times this year. A USBWA and AP Second Team All-America selection, Hartley is only the second Husky all-time, along with Maya Moore and Diana Taurasi, to post at least 1,500 points, 500 rebounds and 500 assists. The USBWA National Player of the Week on January 20, Hartley was selected to the All-Lincoln Regional Team after leading the Huskies to their seventh-straight Final Four.

Jordan Hooper. The Big Ten Player-of-the-Year Hooper becomes the third first-team WBCA All-American in Nebraska history, joining 1993 Wade Trophy winner Karen Jennings and 2010 All-American Kelsey Griffin. Hooper was a finalist for the Wade Trophy, the Wooden Award and the Senior CLASS Award. A three-time first-team All-Big Ten pick and a two-time Big Ten All-Tournament selection, Hooper shattered Nebraska's three-point record with 295 in her career. She also became the first Husker and just the second Big Ten player in history to achieve the combined milestones of 2,300 points and 1,100 rebounds. Along with ranking second in school history in both points and rebounds, she tied Griffin's Nebraska record with 40 career double-doubles.

Jewell Loyd. Loyd currently ranks fifth in the ACC in scoring (18.8 ppg.), sixth in free throw percentage (.824), ninth in field goal percentage (.524). She also has a team-high 13 20-point games thus far. Loyd has scored in double figures in 41 consecutive games, the second-longest streak in program history, and has a school record-tying three 30-point games to her credit this season. The 5-10 guard is the third-fastest Fighting Irish player ever to score 1,000 career points, doing so in only 67 games. Loyd was one of two underclassmen named to this year's USBWA All-America Team and was tabbed as an espnW second-team All-American member. The espnW National Player of the Week and ACC Player of the Week on Feb. 24 is a finalist for the Wade Trophy and the Wooden Award.

Kayla McBride. McBride is averaging career highs in scoring (17.2 ppg.), rebounding (5.2 rpg.), assists (3.9 apg.) and assist/turnover ratio (1.89). She is 12th in the nation and second in the ACC in free throw percentage (.881), fourth in the league in assist/turnover ratio (1.9), eighth in assists (3.9) and 10th in three-point percentage (.375). In Notre Dame's 13 games against Top 25 opponents this season, McBride is averaging 18.8 points, 5.8 rebounds and 3.9 assists per game. Versus top-10 teams she is averaging 20.7 points, 5.7 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game. The ACC Player of the Year is a finalist for the Wade Trophy, Wooden Award and the Naismith Trophy.

The Erie, Pa. native was named to the USBWA All–America Team and was selected as an espnW first–team All–America member.

Tiffany Mitchell. Mitchell became just the second sophomore in league history to earn SEC Player of the Year honors from the conference coaches, joining Candace Parker in the distinction. She was a First–Team All–SEC selection by both the coaches and the Associated Press, which also voted her to its All–America Third Team. The Charlotte, N.C. native is a finalist for both The Wade Trophy and the Dawn Staley Award and was on the Wooden Award final ballot, making her just the third Gamecock in the 40 seasons of women’s basketball at the University of South Carolina to be in contention for individual national awards.

Chiney Ogwumike. Ogwumike helped lead the Cardinal to a 33–3 overall record, its 14th straight Pac–12 regular–season title and a 12th appearance at the Final Four, was named the Capital One Academic All–American of the Year in February. Entering this weekend’s Final Four, Ogwumike, who swept the Pac–12 Player and Defensive Player of the Year awards for the second straight year, remains the only player in the country to rank in the NCAA top 10 in scoring (26.4 ppg), rebounding (12.1 rpg), field–goal percentage (60.4) and double–doubles (26). She is the Pac–12’s all–time leading rebounder and currently ranks sixth on the NCAA’s all–time list with 1,557. Ogwumike also holds the Pac–12 record for points in a season (952) and Pac–12 record for points in a career (2,722).

Odyssey Sims. Sims is a WBCA All American for the third consecutive season (2012, 2013, and 2014). She was also named a USBWA All American for the third time and to the AP All American first team for the second consecutive year (2013, 2014). Sims was named the Frances Pomeroy Naismith winner, collected Big 12 Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors earlier this season. A four–year starter, Sims finished her Baylor career with an amazing 140–10 record which included a national championship. Sims averaged 28.5 points a game as a senior, set a Big 12 Conference single season scoring record with 1,054 points and also broke the league’s single season scoring average record. She became just the second Division I women’s player to score over 1,000 points in a season.

Breanna Stewart. Stewart, who was recently selected as the 2013–14 American Athletic Conference and espnW Player of the Year, is leading the top–ranked Huskies at 19.4 points per game and is second on the squad at 8.1 rebounds per contest. She ranks in the league’s top–10 in scoring, rebounding, field goal percentage, three–point field goal percentage, blocks and free throw percentage. The North Syracuse, N.Y. native was honored as the 2014 American Conference Tournament Most Outstanding Player after averaging 21.7 points per game en route to leading UConn to the inaugural title. A USBWA and AP All–America selection, Stewart is a finalist for the Naismith Trophy, Wade Trophy and Wooden Award.

Alyssa Thomas. Thomas has led this year’s top 10 Maryland squad in scoring (19.1), rebounding (11.0) and assists (4.3). She leads the country with four triple–doubles this year and 28 double–doubles in 34 games. She is one of four players in NCAA history with six triple–doubles. Thomas is Maryland’s all–time leading scorer for men’s and women’s basketball with 2,342 points and is tied for the school rebounding record with 1,229 career boards. She was named the Louisville Regional Most Outstanding Player after leading the Terrapins to their second Final Four under

Brenda Frese.

2014 WBCA Division I Coaches' All-America Team Honorable Mentions:

Name	Institution	Year	Pos.	Height
Rachel Banham	University of Minnesota	Junior	Guard	5'9"
Tiffany Bias	Oklahoma State University	Senior	Guard	5'6"
Brittany Boyd	University of California, Berkeley	Junior	Guard	5'9"
Crystal Bradford	Central Michigan University	Junior	Guard	6'0"
Madi Buck	University of North Dakota	Senior	Forward	6'0"
Asya Bussie	West Virginia University	Senior	Center	6'4"
Hallie Christofferson	Iowa State University	Senior	Forward	6'3"
Jerica Coley	Florida International University	Senior	Guard	5'7"
Nina Davis	Baylor University	Freshman	Forward	5'11"
Aaryn Ellenberg	University of Oklahoma	Senior	Guard	5'7"
Christina Foggie	Vanderbilt University	Senior	Guard	5'9"
Chelsea Gardner	University of Kansas	Junior	Forward	6'3"
Markeisha Gatling	North Carolina State University	Senior	Center	6'5"
Chastity Gooch	Western Kentucky University	Junior	Forward	6'0"
Dearica Hamby	Wake Forest University	Junior	Forward	6'3"
Sara Hammond	University of Louisville	Junior	Forward	6'2"
Aliyyah Handford	St. John's University	Sophomore	Guard	5'9"
Cassie Harberts	University of Southern Calif.	Senior	Forward	6'2"
Isabelle Harrison	University of Tennessee	Junior	Center	6'3"
Natasha Howard	Florida State University	Senior	Forward	6'3"
Brittany Hrynko	DePaul University	Junior	Guard	5'7"
Marissa Janning	Creighton University	Sophomore	Guard	5'8"
Jasmine Lister	Vanderbilt University	Senior	Guard	5'4"
Tricia Liston	Duke University	Senior	Guard	6'1"
Samantha Logic	University of Iowa	Junior	Guard	5'9"
Maggie Lucas	Penn State University	Senior	Guard	5'10"
Keena Mays	Southern Methodist University	Senior	Guard	5'7"
Tyonna Outland	California State University	Junior	Guard	5'9"
Jasmine Penny	DePaul University	Senior	Forward	6'1"
Katherine Plouffe	Marquette University	Senior	Forward	6'3"
Michelle Plouffe	University of Utah	Senior	Forward	6'4"
Alexis Rogers	Bowling Green State University	Senior	Forward	6'1"
Ebony Rowe	Middle Tennessee State University	Senior	Forward	6'1"
Shoni Schimmel	University of Louisville	Senior	Guard	5'9"
Meighan Simmons	University of Tennessee	Senior	Guard	5'9"
Kacie Sowell	Seattle University	Senior	Forward	6'2"
DeNesha Stallworth	University of Kentucky	Senior	Forward	6'3"
Rachel Tecca	University of Akron	Senior	Forward	6'1"

Aleighsa Welch	University of South Carolina	Junior	Forward	6'0"
Courtney Williams	University of South Florida	Sophomore	Guard	5'8"
Kayla Woodward	University of Wyoming	Junior	Forward	5'11"
Amanda Zahui B.	University of Minnesota	Freshman	Center	6'5"

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, please visit wbca.org.