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WBCA Honors the 2007 Russell Athletic/WBCA Regional Coaches of the Year

ATLANTA, Ga. - The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) is proud to announce the 2007 Russell Athletic/WBCA Regional Coach of the Year winners for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Below are the Russell Athletic/WBCA Regional Coaches of the Year winners listed by division:

NCAA Division I

Region	Coach	Institution
1	Geno Auriemma	University of Connecticut
2	Gail Goestenkors	Duke University
3	Pat Summitt	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
4	Curt Miller	Bowling Green State University
5	Rick Insell	Middle Tennessee State University
6	Sharon Versyp	Purdue University
7	Gordy Presnell	Boise State University
8	Tara VanDerveer	Stanford University

NCAA Division II

Region	Coach	Institution
1	Karen Haag	College of Saint Rose
2	Steve Harold	Glenville State College
3	Dean Walsh	Carson-Newman College
4	Lynn Plett	Lewis University
5	Karl Smesko	Florida Gulf Coast University
6	Josh Keister	Missouri Western State
7	Dave Krauth	Augustana College

NCAA Division III

Region	Coach	Institution
1	Walter Paschal	Fitchburg State College
2	Jennifer Kroll	Saint Lawrence University
3	Erin Monahan	William Paterson University
4	Michael Strong	University Of Scranton
5	Chris Kielsmeier	Howard Payne University
6	John Ross	Calvin College
7	Jackie Slaats	Lake Forest College
8	Jane Hildebrand	Luther College

NAIA

Region	Coach	Institution
1	Kevin Engellant	University of Montana, Western
2	Chuck Iverson	Mount Marty College
3	Donnita Drain	Langston University
4	Steve Brooks	Indiana Wesleyan University
5	Kirk Martin	Cedarville University
6T	Stephen Crotz	Auburn University At Montgomery
6T	Matthew Bollant	Bryan College

JC/CC

Region	Coach	Institution
2	Seth Goodman	Monroe College
3	Michael Holloman	Louisburg College
4	Greg Franklin	Southeastern Ill. Coll.
5	Kim Muhl	Kirkwood CC
7T	Lin Laursen	Central Arizona College
7T	Brad Clifford	Yavapai College

The winners are selected through a two-level process. The first level is by region, in which coaches from each WBCA geographical region vote for their respective top coach. If a coach has been selected as Regional Coach of the Year, they advance as a finalist to the national level of the selection process along with the other Regional Coaches of the Year in their respective division. The number of coaches varies depending on affiliation.

NCAA Division III Final Four coaches are eligible to be considered for the Russell Athletic/WBCA National Coach of the Year even if they are not named the coach of the year for their respective region.

The winners of the WBCA National Coach of the Year for each division will be honored on Monday, April 2, 2007, at 12:00 p.m. (ET) during the Russell Athletic/WBCA Coach of the Year Luncheon *presented by AstraZeneca* in the Crowne Plaza's Grand Ballroom. The luncheon is part of the 2007 WBCA National Convention, held in conjunction with the NCAA® Women's Final Four®.

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Founded in 1981, the WBCA 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.

