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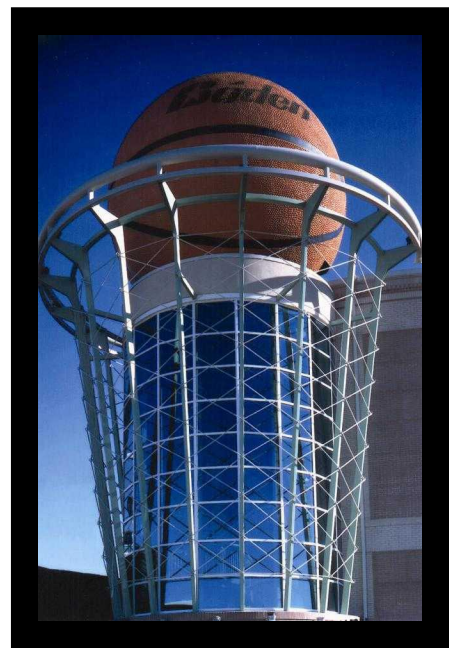
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2006 STATE FARM TIP-OFF CLASSIC

A SHOWDOWN OF 4 TOP 25 TEAMS



The 2006 State Farm Tip-Off Classic is a preview of the 2006-07 women's collegiate basketball campaign. The Classic will be a mixture of powerhouse schools from three different conferences. Georgia, DePaul, Rutgers and Oklahoma will take the court at this year's Tip-Off Classic, an event that annually features four of the nation's top women's collegiate basketball squads in a season-opening doubleheader.

The University of Georgia will play Rutgers University in a 1:00 p.m. EST (12:00 noon CST) game, while the University of Oklahoma will square off against DePaul University in a 3:30 p.m. EST (2:30 p.m. CST) match up on Sunday, November 12, at the Lloyd Noble Center on the Oklahoma campus in Norman. Both games will be televised on ESPN2.

This will be the 14th annual Tip-Off Classic. Last year's event was held in Lubbock, Texas at the United Spirit Arena, where Louisiana State University (LSU) took the edge over Texas Tech and won 76-68. LSU did advance to the Final Four. The defending national champs, Baylor also defeated Georgia 84-72 in last year's Classic.

State Farm became involved in the Tip-Off Classic as part of an overall women's support strategy the company started back in the early 90s. State Farm also has a strong presence in women's basketball throughout the season.

Georgia will play back-to-back years in the Tip-Off Classic after having a 23-9 record last year. The Lady Bulldogs played in the Bridgeport Semifinals of the NCAA Tournament, but lost to the No. 7 Connecticut Huskies. Georgia ranks number 4 in the All-Time Associated Press women's basketball poll. This is just one reason that coach Andy Landers has been awarded a four-year contract extension, which will keep the record-setting coach in Athens through the 2011 season.

DePaul compiled a 27-7 record last season. They lost to No. 5 LSU (56-66) in the NCAA Regional Semifinals last year. Doug Bruno has led the team for 19 seasons. He is currently in Colorado Springs, Colorado as head coach of the USA

Basketball Women's U18 team. They are preparing for the 2006 FIBA Americas U18 Championship for Women.

Rutgers star from last year, Cappie Pondexter has moved on to the WNBA, but that should not hold the team back from a successful season. The Rutgers 2006-2007 recruiting class has been ranked third nationally by Hoopgurlz.com. Rutgers finished the season last year with a record of 27-5, and they were ranked 9th in the USA Today/ESPN top 25 poll. The team is led by Vivian Stringer, who was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001. She is the first men or women's basketball coach to take three different schools to the Final Four (Cheyney University in 1982, the University of Iowa in 1993 and Rutgers in 2000).

The Oklahoma Sooners will be a team to watch with upcoming sophomore Courtney Paris playing on their team. Oklahoma ended the season with a 31-5 record, after finishing in the sweet sixteen semifinals of the NCAA Tournament. Head coach Sherri Coale was elected Vice President of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, and she will become President of the WBCA in one year when Doug Bruno finishes his term. With Coale leading the team, the Sooners have won an impressive 145 games in the past five years.

Tickets for the Tip-Off Classic will go on sale in early October and may be ordered online at www.soonersports.com or by calling the Oklahoma Ticket Office at (800) 456-GOOU. The University of Oklahoma Ticket Office is located at 180 West Brooks, Norman, Oklahoma, 73019.

The Tip-Off Classic benefits the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Located in Knoxville, Tennessee, the Hall of Fame's mission is to honor the past, celebrate the present, and promote the future of women's basketball. The Hall also uses the Tip-Off Classic as a platform to announce a new group of inductees each year with the Class of 2007 honorees slated to be introduced in Oklahoma during Tip-Off Classic half-time.



A HOOPFUL OF INFORMATION AT WWW.WBHOF.COM

★ WNBA WRAP UP ★

Featuring 14 teams and the greatest female basketball players from around the world, the WNBA is the longest-running and most successful women's professional team sports league in U.S. history. The league's historic 10th Anniversary season in 2006 featured significant interactivity with fans who played a key role in selecting the league's All-Decade Team, the starters for the 2006 WNBA All-Star Game and the WNBA's Greatest Moments.

Highlights from the 10th Anniversary season included the Eastern Conference's first-ever win in the WNBA All-Star Game, and the Finals saw the Detroit Shock claim their second title in a best-of-five game series by dethroning the

Sacramento Monarchs. Sacramento was attempting to become the league's third repeat champion, but Detroit instead joined Houston (1997-2000) and Los Angeles (2001-02) as multiple championship winners. Deanna Nolan averaged 17.8 points and 4.2 rebounds and was named the Finals MVP while Katie Smith posted 17.0 points and 3.4 assists en route to the first WNBA Title of her nine-year career.

By Karen Kase, WNBA



All Decade Team.

Photo credit: NBAE/Getty Images

★ USA ★

USA Basketball began World Championship play in September of this year. The USA team won its first game with a record setting 119-72 victory over China. The team, lead by players such as Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi, Tina Thompson and Candace Parker, won their next six games. However, the dream of claiming a third straight World Championship title fell short when Russia defeated USA 75-68 in semifinal action. USA defeated Brazil to win the bronze medal 99-59.



USA Basketball Team

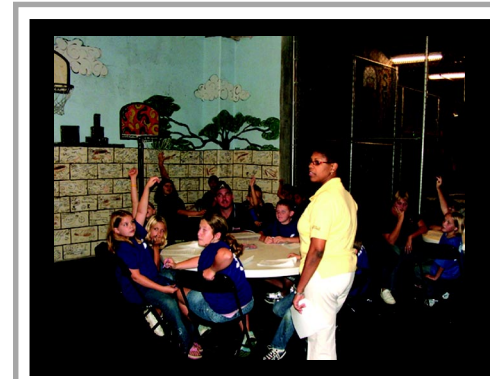
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★ CLASS IS IN SESSION ★

The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame is excited to introduce our new educational program for 5th, 6th, and 7th grade. This year, we are teaming up with MassMutual Financial Group to bring you iGame Face: Life Lessons Across the Curriculum.

In this program, photographs show women of all ages participating in a vast array of sporting activities. From hula-hoop to Olympic weightlifting, this program captures girls' and women's self-creation, self-knowledge, and self-expression. iSports is a forum to gain insight into relationships with peers, family and teachers; it is a place to discover personal and physical freedom, says Jane Gottesman, creator of Game Face.

In addition to the WBHF/NCAA Fast Break Education Program for elementary school students, we felt that it was time to introduce a new program for an older, more mature audience. This program teaches all students about body image, teamwork, and what it feels like to win, lose, and compete.



Rose Donaldson, Director of Retail Operations at the Hall, teaches a group of elementary school students about the importance of making healthy food choices during a WBHF/NCAA Fast Break Education Program.

★ INDUCTEES TAKE THE LEAD ★



Anne Donovan shared an interesting story about her first encounter on the basketball court with fellow Hall of Famer Uljana Semjonova during her freshman year at Old Dominion at the 1999 Induction Ceremony, which was emceed by Robin Roberts.

Anne Donovan is now the head coach of the USA Basketball team.



Tara VanDerveer, Marianne Stanley, and Kamie Ethridge get a good laugh out of VanDerveer's comments to her Stanford team in a video segment that is part of the Hall of Fame's Modern Locker Room exhibit during the 2002 Induction weekend.

As of September 11, Marianne Stanley is the new assistant coach at Rutgers University.



Jody Conradt, University of Texas (UT) women's basketball coach; Clarissa Davis-Wrightsil, 2006 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductee; Tina Bonci, Co-Director of Sports Medicine at UT; and Travis Mays, assistant women's basketball coach at UT show their Longhorn pride at the 2006 Induction Ceremony.

On May 31, Clarissa David-Wrightsil became the assistant basketball coach at her alma mater, the University of Texas.

★ FEATURED ARTIFACT ★

ALL-STARS SHINING THROUGH

On September 19, an addition was made to the Ring of Honor at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. To honor the 2006 WNBA All-Stars, 28 orange and white autographed jerseys were hung beside the latest college and high school All-Americans.

The WNBA All-Star game was played on July 12 in Madison Square Garden. The players of the Eastern and Western Conference lived up to the hype surrounding the 10th Anniversary of the WNBA. Connecticut's Katie Douglas wasn't even slated to be in the starting five; however, she came out the MVP with 16 points, five rebounds and four assists. Douglas, along with Connecticut's Taj McWilliams, Detroit's Katie Smith and Cheryl Ford helped lead the East to a 98-82 victory of the West.

The West not shy about showing the future of women's basketball when Houston's Michelle Snow made one uncontested slam dunk in the last minute of the game. What a way to go out!



★ WBCA NATIONAL CONVENTION ★

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 of women's basketball and to foster and promote the development of the game of basketball as a sport for women and girls.

The WBCA National Convention is held annually in conjunction with the NCAA Women's Final Four. WBCA members who register to attend the convention are eligible to purchase tickets to the Women's Final Four. The convention is 4 days of professional development that include on-court X's and O's presented by some of the most elite coaches in the country. The WBCA also continues its tradition of honoring and celebrating the achievements of colleagues and student-athletes through its national awards program. During the weekend of the Women's Final Four, the WBCA holds the WBCA High School All-America Game, presented by Nike. For more information visit WBCA.org or call 770-279-8027.



★ JUNIOR PRO BASKETBALL ★

The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame is excited to announce that as of July 2006, the Hall is partnering with Junior Pro Basketball on the management and marketing of the Junior Pro Basketball Program. The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame staff is looking forward to assisting Junior Pro with its mission to teach America's youth the fundamental skills of basketball in a safe, enjoyable and team-oriented manner.

Junior Pro Basketball was established in Kentucky in 1969-70 by the legendary basketball coaches Adolph Rupp and Joe B. Hall. Junior Pro is a national non-profit organization offering a

complete basketball program to teach the skills of the game correctly. Girls and boys ages five (5) to fifteen (15) are eligible to participate in five separate divisions including Future Hall of Famer, Instructional, Training League, Junior Varsity and Varsity. Junior Pro is operated on a league basis with a league consisting of a minimum of thirty-two (32) players on four (4) teams which are required to play a minimum of six (6) games over the course of the basketball season. Junior Pro Basketball also developed the Junior Pro Fundamental Skills Challenge for participants. The Challenge encourages players to practice the fundamental skills of basketball, increase their self-esteem and

then gives them the opportunity to test those skills and become a Junior Pro All-American on the local and national level.

Anyone interested in information on how to join Junior Pro Basketball please contact Lisa Richardson at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame at (865) 633-9000 extension 221 or at (865) 546-2777.



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