

★ 2007 Future Hall of Famer Basketball Clinics are a great opportunity for young basketball players to be introduced to the game. They will learn fundamental skills including passing, dribbling and shooting, as well as gain knowledge about the rules and history of basketball. This exciting experience will be enhanced by seeing firsthand how the greats of women's basketball became champions. Clinics will be held in June and July. For more information, contact the Hall.

★ We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the Belk Corporation and everyone who participated in the Belk Charity Days. This past year, Belk donated almost \$1,000 to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame through their Charity Days.

★ The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame is partnering with the local Barnes & Noble store to host the Rebound & Read Bookfair and events. The bookfair is a fundraiser to support the Hall of Fame's involvement with local literacy programs. The Hall will be distributing vouchers that can be presented at the cash register at Barnes & Noble from June 5 – 10, 2007. A percentage of the net sales will be donated to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Special events will also be held in the store through out the week.



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## 2007 INDUCTION WEEKEND

### "LEGENDS OF THE GAME...OFF THE COURT AND INTO THE SPOTLIGHT"

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Tickets have been purchased, dresses and tuxedos have been ordered, memorabilia has been sent for displays, travel arrangements have been made and speeches have been written.

The one thing left for the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame's Class of 2007 is to enjoy their moment in the spotlight.

"Everybody who has already been through it, they've all said, 'you've earned it, just enjoy it, don't get nervous, don't worry about this or that, just enjoy it,' Mel Greenberg said. 'I'm trying to take that advice.'"

It is a task, however, that may be easier said than done.

Anxiety has begun to rise as Andrea Lloyd Curry, Pamela Kelly-Flowers, Bridgette Gordon, Daedra Charles-Furlow, Andy Landers and Greenberg make final preparations to be inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame on June 8-9.

"The more I think about it, I think about the fact that I'll be acquainted with some of the best basketball players and coaches in the country," said Kelly-Flowers, a standout at Louisiana Tech during their 1981 AIAW championship and 1982 NCAA Championship. "To be associated with those types of people is phenomenal, but it's also very overwhelming."

With the addition of the Class of 2007, the Hall of Fame will boast 97 inductees.

During the first eight inductions, inductees have had the opportunity to reminisce and reflect on the road that brought them through women's basketball and landed them in Knoxville.

Those memories include wins and losses, ups and downs, highlights and lowlights.

According to Lloyd Curry, it was a journey that was worth every twist and turn.

"I think that people dream of doing something they love at the highest level and then those kind of honors come because you did it so well," Lloyd Curry said. "I'm not sure anybody really dreams of being inducted into a Hall of Fame, because

skipping the whole process and jumping completely to being in the Hall of Fame and skipping all of the years and all of the work and all of the good and bad times, would be defeating the purpose."

It is for that reason that the weekend features festivities to not only honor the six individuals but also to adequately chronicle their careers.

For Lloyd Curry, Kelly-Flowers, Gordon and Charles-Furlow their road to Knoxville began with a basketball and a dream to be the best players they could be.

Landers may have taken a different route, but his goal of excellence was exactly the same.

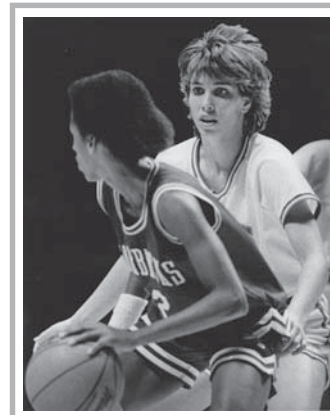
"My thought when I set out was to coach and teach and help other people reach their goals," Landers said. "And I haven't strayed from that through all these years."

Then there's Greenberg, the first writer to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, and only one of the six members of the Class of 2007 that never actually had to step foot on the court to impact the game.

"It's just unbelievable to me that he cared about women's basketball when nobody else did," Landers said of Greenberg, who is responsible for the AP top 25 women's basketball rankings. "I have never met anyone on the media side who is as passionate about what he does as Mel."

In spite of the different paths that brought them to this point, on the night of June 9, these six "Legends of the Game" will come "Off the Court and into the Spotlight" and become Hall-of-Famers.

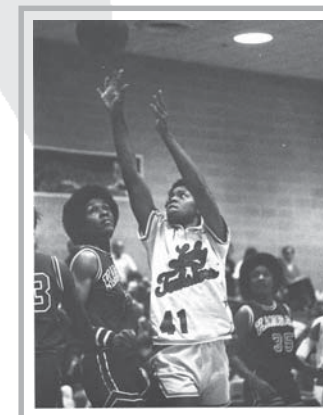
"I'm just incredibly grateful and honored," Lloyd Curry said. "It's kind of hard to put into words how you feel about it because your career was just so gratifying and you played so hard. It's wonderful to be honored by people that think you did it in a way that was memorable."



Andrea Lloyd Curry



Mel Greenberg (right) with Class of 2003 inductee Leon Barmore (left).



Pamela Kelly-Flowers

# ★ GETTING TO KNOW THE CLASS OF 2007 ★

BY KAREN TUCKER, KTUCKER@KNOXVILLE.ORG

## IF YOU WERE ON A DESERTED ISLAND, WHAT THREE ITEMS WOULD YOU WANT WITH YOU?

"A refrigerator that is never empty, a solar generator to run it and an endless supply of books." - Andrea

## ONE THING YOU COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT?

"A phone" - Daedra  
"Shoes and pocketbooks and belts" - Bridgette

## PRE-GAME RITUAL?

"Eat a pre-game meal, go back to the dorm, take a nap and daydream about scoring." - Pam  
"I come as late as I can, if we were asked to be there an hour and a half before the game, I'd push it to 45 minutes, and I like to listen to gospel music because my nerves are so crazy before a game." - Bridgette

## MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT?

"Split my pants at Auburn (in the early 80s)" - Andy

## FAVORITE QUOTE?

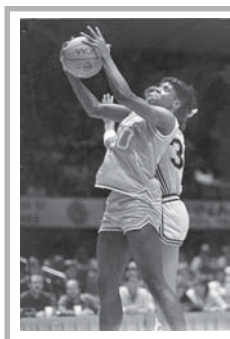
"Good luck is something you make; bad luck is something you endure." - Mel

## NICKNAME?

"Night Train" - Daedra  
"Boss" - Andy  
"Andee Lane" - Andrea  
"Boo-Boo" - Pam  
"Guru or Melsey" - Mel  
"Bri or Flash Gordon" - Bridgette

## WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DO BEFORE YOU DIE?

"Break 80 on a golf course" - Andrea



Bridgette Gordon



Daedra Charles-Furlow



Andy Landers

# ★ FEATURED ARTIFACT ★

## OLYMPIC MEMORIES

BY KIM BITTINGER, KBITTINGER@KNOXVILLE.ORG

The 1980 Olympic Games were most notable for the largest boycott of an Olympics in history. Following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in December 1979, the United States and 61 other countries decided to boycott the Olympics (France, Great Britain, Italy, and Sweden did not join the boycott). Approximately 5,000 athletes participated, representing 81 countries.

President Jimmy Carter threatened to revoke passports of any American athletes that participated in the Moscow Olympics. The women's basketball team, however, felt obligated to fulfill its commitment of participating in the qualifying tournament in Bulgaria. In doing so, they brought home this small, wooden trophy that is housed in one of the International displays at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. This trophy is one of the many prized possessions that is part of the Hall of Fame archives.



# ★ WBCA COMMITTEE ADDITIONS ★

BY SUMMER MCKESSON - WBCA

The Women's Basketball Coaches Association recently announced their newest additions to the WBCA Board of Directors Executive Committee. Connecticut's Geno Auriemma has been named the new Vice President and will begin his term in August 2007. Auriemma follows in the footsteps of Sherri Coale (Oklahoma) who will take the reins as WBCA President in August. Terri Mitchell of Marquette University has also been named to the Executive Committee as the Treasurer, taking over for Dianne Nolan (Former Fairfield Coach).

The Vice President serves a two-year term, and is then named the WBCA President to serve for another two years. The Vice President closes out his/her time on the Executive Committee with a final two-year term serving as the Past President representative. The Treasurer's term is for three years. Nominees for the WBCA Board of Directors Executive Committee openings are selected by the WBCA nominating committee. They are then voted on by head coaches, assistant coaches and directors of basketball operations at Division I, Division II, Division III, NAIA and JC/CC who are current members of the WBCA.



# ★ WNBA DRAFT UPDATE ★

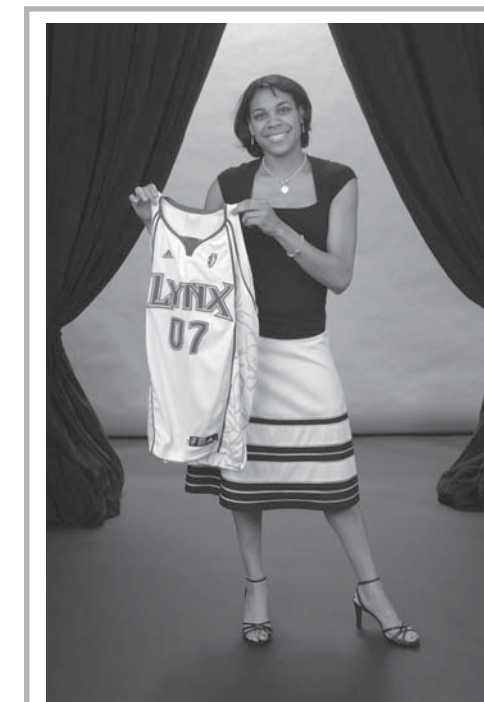
BY KAREN KASE - WNBA

As the WNBA prepares to open its second decade of play, training camps are officially underway and players are competing for roster spots.

For rookies, it has been a whirlwind of activity. Training camps immediately followed rookie orientation as well as the 2007 WNBA Draft presented by adidas. The Draft took place on April 4 in Cleveland, Ohio, site of the NCAA Women's Final Four. **Lindsey Harding** (Duke) and **Jessica Davenport** (Ohio State) were selected with the top two overall picks, then traded in exchange for established stars.

The Phoenix Mercury picked Harding with the top overall pick and traded her to the Minnesota Lynx in exchange for **Tangela Smith**, a 6-4 forward and an All-Star in 2006. The San Antonio Silver Stars followed suit, selecting Jessica Davenport with the second pick and trading her, along with a first round pick in 2008, to the New York Liberty in exchange for **Becky Hammon** and a second round pick in 2008. It marked the first time that a number one or number two pick was traded on draft day.

For Harding, the moment was the culmination of a longtime dream. The first time she could remember as a girl the WNBA came into her consciousness, the top pick said, "It was actually the first time I ever went to a Comets



Lindsey Harding holding her Lynx jersey after being announced as the number one pick in the 2007 WNBA draft.



game; I was actually debating to run track or play basketball because I loved track. But I saw the team out there, I saw the environment and I saw their love of the game and from that moment I remember telling my dad, 'I want to play basketball.' The WNBA helped decide my future in sports."

The Chicago Sky selected **Armintie Price** with the third pick, followed by **Noelle Quinn** (Minnesota Lynx), **Tiffany Jackson** (New York Liberty) and **Bernice Mosby** (Washington Mystics).

The season begins on May 19th as the defending champion Detroit Shock host the Sacramento Monarchs in a rematch of last year's WNBA Finals. The game will be featured on ABC at 3:30 p.m. ET, while comprehensive coverage of the entire regular season will be highlighted by "WNBA Tuesdays" on ESPN2 and include a total of 91 national telecasts on ABC, ESPN2 and NBA TV.

Additionally, ABC will televise the WNBA All-Star Game at Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. on July 15 at 3:30 pm ET. It marks the second time that the WNBA All-Star Game will be played in the nation's capital. Washington also hosted the 2002 All-Star festivities. For more information on the WNBA and purchasing tickets, please visit [www.wnba.com](http://www.wnba.com).

# ★ JUNIOR PRO BASKETBALL ★

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The 2007 Junior Pro Basketball National Championships were held in Knoxville on March 23-25 with 43 teams from six states participating over the three day event. Players, coaches, parents and fans kicked off the weekend on Friday at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame with players competing in games of jersey relay, dual dribbling and ending with a knock-out challenge. Former Boston Celtics player Steve Hamer spoke to the athletes during the Opening Ceremony. Mr. Hamer talked about how basketball was influential in his life and the importance of good sportsmanship.

Competition took place at four venues throughout Knoxville. Congratulations to all athletes for making it to the National Championships!



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