

Holt Picks Up Third All-America Accolade

Senior previously honored by Associated Press, CBSSports.com

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Middle Tennessee senior Amber Holt picked up her third All-America honor this season when she was named to the 10-player team by the United States Basketball Writers Association on Thursday. Holt was a First Team All-America selection by CBSSports.com last month and a Third Team honoree by the Associated Press earlier this week. Holt finished the year with 930 points, the fifth most all-time in one season in NCAA history, and set Middle Tennessee single-season school records for points, field goals, field goal attempts, free throws, free throw attempts and 30-point games. She averaged a school-best 27.4 points per game and led the nation in



scoring for the final 11 weeks of the season. She posted 14 contests this season with 30-plus points and collected eight double-doubles. Holt is one of only two players in the nation this season to record two 40-point outings, including 41 points in an upset of No. 8 LSU in December. She also broke a 21-year-old school record for points in a game with 44 at Louisiana-Monroe in January. Holt led the Sun Belt Conference in scoring and finished first in steals and offensive rebounds, ranked second in FG percentage, third in rebounding, free throw percentage and assist-to-turnover ratio, and seventh in assists. She won an unprecedented five Sun Belt Player of the Week awards and is a member of all three National Player of the Year award watch lists - the Wade Trophy, the Naismith Award and the Wooden Award. Holt is also a finalist for the State Farm All-America team set to be announced next week. She also does it on the defensive end, drawing 61 charges in 2007-08, almost twice the number the rest of the team has combined. The Meadowcreek High School product was named to the Sun Belt All-Tournament team after the Blue Raiders played in their sixth straight tourney championship game. She broke four individual tournament records, including most points (88), field goals (32), field goal attempts (63) and free throws made (24). **2007-08 USBWA All-America Team**

Sylvia Fowles, LSU, C, 6-6, SR, Miami, Fla.

Amber Holt, Middle Tennessee, F, 6-0, SR, Duluth, Ga.

Crystal Langhorne, Maryland, C/F, 6-2, SR, Willingboro, N.J.

Erlana Larkins, North Carolina, F, 6-1, SR, Riviera Beach, Fla.

Angel McCoughtry, Louisville, F, 6-1, JR, Baltimore, Md.

Maya Moore, Connecticut, F, 6-0, FR, Lawrenceville, Ga.

Courtney Paris, Oklahoma, C, 6-4, JR, Piedmont, Calif.

Candace Parker, Tennessee, F, 6-4, JR, Naperville, Ill.

Kristi Tolliver, Maryland, G, 5-7, JR, Harrisonburg, Va.

Candice Wiggins, Stanford, G, 5-11, SR, San Diego, Calif.

Player of the Year: Candace Parker, Tennessee

Coach of the Year: Geno Auriemma, Connecticut

Freshman of the Year: Maya Moore, Connecticut

The U.S. Basketball Writers Association, formed in 1956, has named a women's All-America team since the 1996-97 season. The association has also named a national player of the year since 1987-88 and a national coach of the year since 1989-90. In 2002-03, the USBWA initiated an award for the nation's top freshman. For more information about the USBWA and its annual awards, contact Executive Director Joe Mitch in the Missouri Valley Conference office at 314/421-0339.

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