



**PLAYER/COACH AWARDS SUMMARY
FOR AT&T/NABC GUARDIANS OF THE GAME AWARDS SHOW
Sunday, April 6 – San Antonio**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (April 6, 2008) – Here is a summary of awards presented at the AT&T/NABC Guardians of the Game awards show Sunday night, April 6, at the Lila Cockrell Theatre in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

State Farm Division I Player of the Year – Tyler Hansbrough, North Carolina

Naismith Trophy – Tyler Hansbrough, North Carolina

NABC/Pete Newell Big Man of the Year, Presented by YRC Worldwide – Michael Beasley, Kansas State

NABC Defensive Player of the Year – Hasheem Thabeet, Connecticut

NABC Career Achievement Awards – Roy Hibbert, Georgetown; Chris Lofton, Virginia and

D.J. White, Indiana

State Farm Division II Player of the Year – John Smith, Winona State

State Farm Division III Player of the Year – Andrew Olson, Amherst

State Farm NAIA Player of the Year – Ryan Fiegi, Oregon Tech

The UPS Store/NABC Division I Coach of the Year – Bob McKillop, Davidson College

The UPS Store/NABC Division II Coach of the Year – Mike Leaf, Winona State University

The UPS Store/NABC Division III Coach of the Year – Mark Edwards, Washington University (St. Louis)

The UPS Store/NABC NAIA Coach of the Year – Ray Harper, Oklahoma City University

NABC/Hillyard Golden Anniversary Award – Lou Henson, New Mexico State and Illinois

NABC Silver Anniversary All-America Team – Ralph Sampson, Virginia; Derek Harper, Illinois;

Clyde Drexler, Houston; Sidney Lowe, North Carolina State; Craig Robinson, Princeton

NABC Literacy Champion Award – Bob Knight

NABC Coaches vs. Cancer Champion Award – Jim Calhoun, Connecticut

NABC Guardians of the Game Pillar Awards

Advocacy – Pete Smith, Guerin Catholic HS (Noblesville, IN) (presented by DiGiorno)

Education – Steve Moore, College of Wooster (presented by The Hartford)

Leadership – C. Alan Rowe, Widener University

Service – Dave Rose, Brigham Young University

NABC/Cliff Wells Appreciation Awards – George Raveling, Nike

Metropolitan Award – Bob Knight

NABC Ray Marquette Award – Andy Katz, ESPN (President, U.S. Basketball Writers Assn)

NABC Literacy Champion Award – Bob Knight (Knight Readers)