

Mulkey Named USBWA's Coach of the Year Finalist

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Baylor Bears women's head basketball coach Kim Mulkey has been named to the United States Basketball Writers Association watch lists for the National Coach of the Year Award.

Mulkey, who is one of 10 coaches named to the watch list for the National Coach of the Year award, earned the association's Coach of the Year award last season after taking the team to a school 34-3 record.

Other finalists include: Tina Martin-Delaware, Jim Crowley-St. Bonaventure, Courtney Banghart-Princeton, Joanne P. McCallie-Duke, Matthew Mitchell-Kentucky, Muffet McGraw-Notre Dame, Coquese Washington-Penn State, Kim Barnes-St. John's, and Tara VanDerveer-Stanford.

Coach Mulkey has led her top-ranked and undefeated Lady Bears to a 35-0 record. This is their second-straight 30-win season and third under her 12-year tenure. The Lady Bears claimed their second straight Big 12 Conference and Big 12 Tournament Championship.

In just her 12th season as a head coach, Mulkey attained 300 career victories and ranks No. 4 among the winningest active Division I head coaches (.806) and No. 5 all-time by percentage. Of the three active coaches ranked ahead of her, Mulkey reached 300 wins the fastest. It took Geno Auriemma-UConn and Pat Summitt-Tennessee each 13 seasons to attain the milestone and Stanford's Tara VanDerveer needed 14 years to reach 300.

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