

GREENSBORO REGION



[1] Connecticut
Big East champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Huskies have won 11 straight games since losing to Rutgers. Moore is the first freshman in Big East history, male or female, to be named player of the year. U-Conn. has had 30 or more wins in 13 of 15 seasons.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Renee Montgomery, 5-7, Jr. 14.2 ppg, 4.0 apg
- F Maya Moore, 6-0, Fr. 17.7 ppg, 7.4 rpg
- C Tina Charles, 6-4, So. 14.8 ppg, 9.4 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: Geno Auriemma
Record: 32-1, 15-1



[2] Rutgers
Big East at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Last year's national runner-up enters the tournament on a two-game losing streak. Carson was the league's defensive player of the year. Rutgers held 23 opponents to less than 59 points.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Matee Ajavon, 5-8, Sr. 12.3 ppg, 4.9 apg
- G Epiphany Prince, 5-9, So. 13.7 ppg, 5.2 rpg
- F Essence Carson, 6-0, Sr. 10.3 ppg, 5.0 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: C. Vivian Stringer
Record: 24-6, 14-2



[3] California
Pacific-10 at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Bears won a school-record 26 games to earn their third consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament. All but one of Cal's losses was to a ranked team. Walker led the Pacific-10 with 13 double-doubles.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Alexis Gray-Lawson, 5-8, Jr. 11.7 ppg, 3.7 rpg
- F Ashley Walker, 6-1, Jr. 15 ppg, 9.3 rpg
- F-C Devaneil Hampton, 6-3 Jr. 13.6 ppg, 8.2 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: Joanne Boyle
Record: 26-6, 15-3



[4] Virginia
ACC at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Cavaliers won 20 games during regular season for the first time since the 1999-2000 season. Zoll is the ACC's career assist leader with 772 assists, breaking Dawn Staley's record.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Sharné Zoll, 5-7, Sr. 8.3 ppg, 6.3 apg
- G Monica Wright, 5-11, So. 17.7 ppg, 5.0 rpg
- F Lyndra Littles, 6-1, Jr. 16.4 ppg, 6.7 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: Debbie Ryan
Record: 23-9, 10-4



[5] Old Dominion
Colonial champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Lady Monarchs, who won a 17th consecutive CAA title, are 23-1 since losing at Tennessee on Dec. 5. Their other losses were to U-Conn., Stanford and JMU. Coach Wendy Larry won her 500th game Saturday.

TOP PLAYERS

- G T.J. Jordan, 5-8, Sr. 13.2 ppg, 3.5 rpg
- F Tiffany Green, 6-2, Jr. 11.3 ppg, 7.5 rpg
- G Jazzmin Walters, 5-2, Jr. 7.2 ppg, 4.8 apg

THE TEAM

Coach: Wendy Larry
Record: 29-4, 17-1



[6] George Washington
Atlantic 10 at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Colonials matched the school record for most wins in a two-year period, going 54-10. Beck, the Atlantic 10 player of the year, is the first player in 20 years to lead the conference in assists for four consecutive seasons.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Kimberly Beck, 5-8, Sr. 13.3 ppg, 6.3 apg
- G Sarah-Jo Lawrence, 5-11, Sr. 12.9 ppg, 4.7 rpg
- C Jessica Adair, 6-4, Jr. 15.3 ppg, 5.9 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: Joe McKeown
Record: 25-6, 12-2



[7] Iowa State
Big 12 at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Cyclones went just 3-11 against the RPI's top 50, but an upset of top seed Kansas State in the Big 12 tournament sealed a berth. F Nicky Wieben (12.7 ppg, 5.6 rpg) was lost for the season in January with a knee injury.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Alison Lacey, 6-0, So. 14.5 ppg, 4.3 apg
- G Heather Ezell, 5-9, Jr. 10.4 ppg, 3.1 apg
- G Kelsey Bolte, 6-1, Fr. 10.1 ppg, 5.3 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: Bill Fennelly
Record: 20-12, 7-9



[8] Texas
Big 12 at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Goostenkors, who had an NCAA-record seven straight 30-win seasons at Duke, has the former powerhouse Longhorns in the NCAAs for the first time in three years in her first season in Austin.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Brittainey Raven, 6-0, So. 15.4 ppg, 1.8 spg
- F Ashley Lindsey, 6-4, Jr. 11.2 ppg, 6.9 rpg
- G Carla Cortijo, 5-7, Jr. 10.0 ppg, 4.9 apg

THE TEAM

Coach: Gail Goostenkors
Record: 21-12, 7-9



[16] Cornell
Ivy champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Big Red, which is making its first NCAA tournament appearance, set school records for points, three-pointers and assists in a season. Maduka is the first Cornell player to be named Ivy League player of the year.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Gretchen Gregg, 5-10, Sr. 8.6 ppg, 4.1 rpg
- F Moira Snyder, 6-1, Sr. 9.2 ppg, 5.8 rpg
- F Jeomi Maduka, 6-2, Jr. 14.3 ppg, 7.6 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: Dayna Smith
Record: 20-8, 11-3



[15] Robert Morris
Northeast champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Colonials are in their second straight NCAAs. Nesbit, a Ballou High graduate, had two triple-doubles in the last six games. Logan, second in the nation in scoring, had nine 30-point games.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Sade Logan, 6-0, Jr. 25.4 ppg, 2.1 spg
- F Chinata Nesbit, 6-2, Sr. 15.6 ppg, 9.0 rpg
- G Angela Pace, 5-10, Jr. 9.9 ppg, 7.5 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: Sal Buscaglia
Record: 23-9, 16-2



[14] San Diego
West Coast champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Senior point guard Amanda Rego, the WCC tournament MVP, recorded two triple-doubles this season. The Toreros started the conference season 0-5 before winning 10 of their last 12 games.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Sam Child, 5-11, Fr. 10.2 ppg, 4.4 rpg
- F Kiva Herman, 6-0, So. 12.7 ppg, 4.4 rpg
- C Amber Sprague, 6-5, Jr. 15.5 ppg, 8.8 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: Cindy Fisher
Record: 19-12, 7-7



[13] UC Santa Barbara
Big West champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: After losing six of their first 10 games, the Lady Gauchos have won 19 of 20. Wilson is the Big West player of the year. French uses a pressure defense and a deep rotation. Ten players average 11 or more minutes per game.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Sha'Rae Gibbons, 5-7, Jr. 9.7 ppg, 3.5 apg
- G Jessica Wilson, 5-10, Sr. 12.6 ppg, 6.4 rpg
- C Kat Suderman, 6-4, Jr. 10.6 ppg, 4.8 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: Mark French
Record: 23-7, 15-1



[12] Liberty
Big South champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Lady Flames won 17 of their last 18 games to close the regular season. Liberty is led by forward Megan Frazee, the Big South player of the year and the conference's leading scorer.

TOP PLAYERS

- F Megan Frazee, 6-3, Jr. 18.6 ppg, 9.5 rpg
- F Moriah Frazee, 6-3, Jr. 13.2 ppg, 5.6 rpg
- G Courtney Watkins, 5-9, Sr. 8.7 ppg, 4.4 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: Carey Green
Record: 28-3, 11-1



[11] Auburn
Southeastern at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Bonner led the SEC in rebounding and was second in scoring. She also made 80.2 percent of her free throws to rank second. The Tigers are making their first NCAA tournament appearance since 2004.

TOP PLAYERS

- G DeWanna Bonner, 6-4, Jr. 18.1 ppg, 9.9 rpg
- G Sherell Hobbs, 5-11, Jr. 13.7 ppg, 5.6 rpg
- G Whitney Boddie, 5-9, Jr. 10.6 ppg, 5.8 apg

THE TEAM

Coach: Nell Fortner
Record: 20-11, 7-7



[10] Georgia Tech
ACC at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Yellow Jackets average more steals per game (14.3) than any team in the country, and junior guard Jacqua Williams is a big reason why. Her 3.8 steals per game rank fourth in Division I.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Chioma Nnamaka, 6-0, Sr. 15.3 ppg, 4.0 rpg
- G Alex Montgomery, 6-1, Fr. 11.2 ppg, 5.5 rpg
- F Janie Mitchell, 6-1, Sr. 16.7 ppg, 6.3 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: MaChelle Joseph
Record: 22-9, 7-7



[9] Minnesota
Big Ten at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Fox scored 17 points against Michigan in the regular season finale to eclipse the 1,000-point milestone in her 90th career game. The Gophers were the Big Ten's top rebounding team with a plus-5.4 margin.

TOP PLAYERS

- G Emily Fox, 5-9, Jr. 17.3 ppg, 4.3 apg
- F Leslie Knight, 6-1, Sr. 13.9 ppg, 5.8 rpg
- C Ashley Ellis-Milan, 6-2, So. 10.3 ppg, 7.3 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach: Pam Borton
Record: 20-11, 11-7