

NEW ORLEANS REGION



**[1] North Carolina**  
*ACC champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Tar Heels' two losses were to the top-ranked teams in the country: Connecticut and Tennessee. North Carolina is the top-scoring team in the country, averaging 87.9 points per game.

**TOP PLAYERS**

F Erlana Larkins, 6-1, Sr.	13.8 ppg, 9.4 rpg
F Rashanda McCants, 6-1, Jr.	15.9 ppg, 6.5 rpg
C LaToya Pringle, 6-3, Sr.	14.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Sylvia Hatchell  
**Record:** 30-2, 14-0



**[2] Louisiana State**  
*Southeastern at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Fowles was named SEC player and defensive player of the year. Chancellor won four WNBA titles with the Houston Comets and led the U.S. women's team to a gold medal at the 2004 Olympics.

**TOP PLAYERS**

C Sylvia Fowles, 6-6, Sr.	17.3 ppg, 9.8 rpg
G Quianna Chaney, 5-11, Sr.	14.9 ppg, 3.2 apg
G Erica White, 5-3, Sr.	7.1 ppg, 4.2 apg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Van Chancellor  
**Record:** 27-5, 14-0



**[3] Oklahoma State**  
*Big 12 at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Cowgirls, two years after a 24-game Big 12 skid, earned their best-ever league mark. They swept Baylor, including a 72-68 win March 6 that ended a 17-game home win streak and denied the Lady Bears a share of the title.

**TOP PLAYERS**

G Andrea Riley, 5-5, So.	22.8 ppg, 4.2 apg
G Danielle Green, 5-8, Sr.	13.3 ppg, 7.4 rpg
C Maria Cordero, 6-3, Sr.	9.6 ppg, 5.9 rpg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Kurt Budke  
**Record:** 25-7, 11-5



**[4] Louisville**  
*Big East at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Cardinals won 11 of their last 13 games, including upsets over Rutgers and West Virginia. Walz, who's in his first season, was an assistant with Maryland's national championship team.

**TOP PLAYERS**

F Candyce Bingham, 6-0, Jr.	14.0 ppg, 7.2 rpg
F Angel McCoughtry, 6-1, Jr.	23.7 ppg, 8.8 rpg
C Chantise Wright, 6-3, Jr.	11.3 ppg, 5.0 rpg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Jeff Walz  
**Record:** 24-9, 10-6



**[5] Kansas State**  
*Big 12 at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Wildcats opened just 5-5, but ended up with their first outright Big 12 regular season title. Patterson was named league coach of the year for leading the first worst-to-first turnaround in conference history.

**TOP PLAYERS**

G Kimberly Dietz, 5-9, Sr.	15.4 ppg, 2.9 apg
G Shalee Lehning, 5-9, Jr.	11.2 ppg, 6.4 apg
F Marlies Gipson, 6-0, Jr.	11.7 ppg, 7.8 rpg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Deb Patterson  
**Record:** 21-9, 13-3



**[6] Ohio State**  
*Big Ten at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Senior forward Tamarah Riley enters the NCAA tournament having played in 129 career games for the Buckeyes, one short of the school record. Lavendar recorded 13 double-doubles during the season.

**TOP PLAYERS**

C Jantel Lavendar, 6-4, Fr.	17.9 ppg, 9.8 rpg
G Marscilla Packer, 5-9, Sr.	14.8 ppg, 3.4 apg
G Ashlee Trebilcock, 5-9, Jr.	10.2 ppg, 72% FT

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Jim Foster  
**Record:** 22-8, 13-5



**[7] Marist**  
*Metro Atlantic champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Red Foxes were ranked in the AP top 25 for the first time this season and were the first team since Saint Peter's in 1994 to finish the regular season unbeaten in MAAC play. They haven't lost since Dec. 12.

**TOP PLAYERS**

F Rachele Fitz, 6-0, So.	18.9 ppg, 7.6 rpg
G Julianne Viani, 5-7, Jr.	10.4 ppg, 3.5 apg
G Nikki Flores, 5-4, Sr.	9.7 ppg, 3.1 apg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Brian Giorgis  
**Record:** 31-2, 18-0



**[8] Georgia**  
*Southeastern at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** After a midseason swoon in which the Lady Bulldogs lost 7 of 11 games, Georgia won four of its last five regular season games. Humphrey is one of nine players in history to be named to an all-SEC team four times.

**TOP PLAYERS**

F Tasha Humphrey, 6-3, Sr.	17.3 ppg, 9.1 rpg
G Ashley Houts, 5-6, So.	11.7 ppg, 4.6 apg
F Angel Robinson, 6-5, So.	9.8 ppg, 8.2 rpg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Andy Landers  
**Record:** 22-9, 8-6



**[16] Bucknell**  
*Patriot champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Bison, making their second NCAA appearance and first since 2002, are the lowest seed (No. 5) to ever win the Patriot title. They've won six of seven and are led by Foster, a Dunbar High graduate.

**TOP PLAYERS**

C Hope Foster, 6-2, Sr.	11.4 ppg, 7.2 rpg
G Amanda Brown, 5-6, Jr.	11.2 ppg, 3.3 rpg
G Kesha Champion, 5-7, Sr.	10.5 ppg, 4.0 apg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Kathy Fedorjaka  
**Record:** 16-15, 8-6



**[15] Jackson State**  
*SWAC champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Lady Tigers are in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1995. Taylor formerly coached the now-defunct Utah Starzz of the WNBA. Trahan overcame a sprained ankle to score 17 points in the conference final.

**TOP PLAYERS**

G LaSharee Christian, 5-6, Sr.	14.2 ppg
G Carena Easley, 5-10, Sr.	9.4 ppg, 5.4 rpg
F Erica Trahan, 5-10, Jr.	7.5 ppg, 5.4 rpg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Denise Taylor  
**Record:** 18-13, 12-5



**[14] East Tennessee St.**  
*Atlantic Sun champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** After four previous losses, the Lady Bucs finally won their conference title game to reach the NCAAs for the first time. Michele DeVault was the top three-point shooter on the Atlantic Sun's top three-point shooting team.

**TOP PLAYERS**

F Siarre Evans, 5-11, So.	13.4 ppg, 7.1 rpg
G Michele DeVault, 5-11, Sr.	12.7 ppg, 42% 3fg
F TaRonda Wiles, 5-10, So.	9.7 ppg, 4.6 rpg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Karen Kemp  
**Record:** 21-11, 14-2



**[13] Miami (Ohio)**  
*Mid-American champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The RedHawks are making their first trip to the NCAA tournament. After knocking off regular season champion Bowling Green in late January, Miami won 12 of its last 14 games. Jackson led the league in scoring.

**TOP PLAYERS**

G Jenna Schone, 5-7, Jr.	13.9 ppg, 5.2 apg
G Amanda Jackson, 5-9, Sr.	21.6 ppg, 3.1 apg
F Laura Markwood, 6-2, Sr.	9.3 ppg, 10.6 rpg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Maria Fantanarosa  
**Record:** 23-10, 12-4



**[12] Chattanooga**  
*Southern champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Lady Mocs have won 24 games in a row, and last lost on Dec. 1. Chattanooga played a tough early nonconference schedule that included wins against Clemson, Alabama and Miami (Ohio).

**TOP PLAYERS**

F Alex Anderson, 6-1, Sr.	17.3 ppg, 8.5 rpg
F Shanara Hollinquest, 6-0, So.	11.9 ppg, 5.0 rpg
G Jenaya Wade-Fray, 5-9, So.	9.2 ppg, 4.1 rpg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Wes Moore  
**Record:** 29-3, 18-0



**[11] Florida State**  
*ACC at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Seminoles managed to get in despite winning just four of their last 11 games, but they don't go down without a fight: Losses to Georgia, Virginia and Maryland all required overtime.

**TOP PLAYERS**

G T. Davis-Cain, 5-11, Jr.	14.8 ppg, 4.5 rpg
G Mara Freshour, 6-1, Jr.	12.5 ppg, 2.1 apg
C Jacinta Monroe, 6-4, So.	10.2 ppg, 5.8 rpg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Sue Semrau  
**Record:** 18-13, 7-7



**[10] DePaul**  
*Big East at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Blue Demons nearly upset Connecticut on March 1, but blew a 17-point lead at home and lost by one. They were just 3-7 against ranked teams. Quigley is third on the school's career scoring list (2,063 points).

**TOP PLAYERS**

G Deirdre Naughton, 5-10, So.	15.2 ppg, 4.5 rpg
G Allie Quigley, 5-11, Sr.	19.5 ppg, 5.1 rpg
F Natasha Williams, 6-3, Jr.	10.1 ppg, 6.7 rpg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Doug Bruno  
**Record:** 20-11, 8-8



**[9] Iowa**  
*Big Ten at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Solverson, who leads the Hawkeyes in assists and is second in steals, is in her sixth year of eligibility because of two ACL injuries. Lisa Bluder was named the Big Ten coach of the year for the second time.

**TOP PLAYERS**

G Kristi Smith, 5-6, Jr.	13.1 ppg, 3.1 apg
F Wendy Ausdemore, 6-2, Jr.	11.7 ppg, 3.9 rpg
F Johanna Solverson, 6-2, Sr.	10.2 ppg, 4.7 rpg

**THE TEAM**

**Coach:** Lisa Bluder  
**Record:** 21-10, 13-5