

OKLAHOMA CITY REGION



[1] **Tennessee**  
*Southeastern champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The defending national champion is going for its eighth NCAA title. Parker, who led the SEC in scoring, would like to end her college career on top — the junior will leave for the WNBA after this season.

TOP PLAYERS	
F Candace Parker, 6-4, Jr.	20.8 ppg, 8.6 rpg
G Alexis Hornbuckle, 5-11, Jr.	10.0 ppg, 3.6 apg
G Shannon Bobbitt, 5-2, Sr.	9.7 ppg, 3.6 apg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Pat Summitt
<b>Record:</b> 30-2, 13-1



[2] **Texas A&M**  
*Big 12 champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Aggies ended the regular season as the Big 12's hottest team, with six straight wins, five over tournament teams. Shooting isn't their strong suit, but defense is (55.7 points allowed per game).

TOP PLAYERS	
G Takia Starks, 5-8, Jr.	17.1 ppg, 4.4 rpg
F Danielle Gant, 5-11, Jr.	15.2 ppg, 7.7 rpg
G A'Quonesia Franklin, 5-3, Sr.	7.5 ppg, 4.8 apg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Gary Blair
<b>Record:</b> 26-7, 11-5



[3] **Duke**  
*ACC at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** All but one of the Blue Devils' losses were to ranked teams, and three of those defeats were to North Carolina. In the past 10 games, six players have led the Blue Devils in scoring.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Abby Waner, 5-10, Jr.	10.5 ppg, 3.2 rpg
F Joy Cheek, 6-1, So.	9.9 ppg, 5.4 rpg
C Chante Black, 6-5, Jr.	13.6 ppg, 6.9 rpg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Joanne P. McCallie
<b>Record:</b> 23-9, 10-4



[4] **Oklahoma**  
*Big 12 at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Often carrying young teammates (nine underclassmen, no seniors), Courtney Paris has seen her record numbers decline. The talented Robinson, in particular, must grow up quickly if the Sooners hope to get far.

TOP PLAYERS	
C Courtney Paris, 6-4, Jr.	18.3 ppg, 14.9 rpg
G Danielle Robinson, 5-9, Fr.	12.7 ppg, 4.3 apg
F Ashley Paris, 6-3, Jr.	11.4 ppg, 7.6 rpg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Sherri Coale
<b>Record:</b> 21-8, 11-5



[5] **Notre Dame**  
*Big East at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Fighting Irish, who averaged 77.3 points per game (sixth in the past two games), were held to 53 and 51 in their last two games, upset losses to St. John's and Pittsburgh. They shot 27.8 percent in those two games.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Ashley Barlow, 5-9, So.	11.7 ppg, 4.5 rpg
G Charel Allen, 5-11, Sr.	14.5 ppg, 5.4 rpg
G Lindsay Schrader, 6-0, Jr.	10.4 ppg, 6.0 rpg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Muffet McGraw
<b>Record:</b> 23-8, 11-5



[6] **Arizona State**  
*Pacific-10 at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Sun Devils have held their opponents to 20 or fewer points in a half 11 times this season. Lacey and Dosty are transfers from Minnesota and Tennessee, respectively. January was the Pac-10 defensive player of the year.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Briann January, 5-8, Jr.	11.2 ppg, 4.5 apg
F Lauren Lacey, 6-3, Jr.	12.5 ppg, 5.8 rpg
C Sybil Dosty, 6-3, Jr.	8.1 ppg, 6.5 rpg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> C. Turner Thorne
<b>Record:</b> 21-10, 14-4



[7] **Syracuse**  
*Big East at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Forget the NCAAs, the Orange hadn't made the Big East tournament since 2005. Jones was a junior college star who led Odessa (Tex.) to a 66-3 record and a national title in two seasons.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Erica Morrow, 5-8, Fr.	13.8 ppg, 5.0 rpg
G Chandra Jones, 5-9, Jr.	15.2 ppg, 7.7 rpg
F Fantasia Goodwin, 6-0, Sr.	12.2 ppg, 8.9 rpg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Quentin Hillsman
<b>Record:</b> 22-8, 10-6



[8] **Utah**  
*Mountain West at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Mitchell, the conference player of the year, transferred from Idaho for her senior season. The Utes had won 22 straight until they were upset by Colorado State in the first round of the conference tournament.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Morgan Warburton, 5-11, Jr.	17.2 ppg, 5.4 rpg
G Leilani Mitchell, 5-5, Sr.	16.8 ppg, 7.5 apg
F Kalee Whipple, 6-0, So.	14.7 ppg, 7.2 rpg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Elaine Elliott
<b>Record:</b> 27-4, 16-0



[16] **Oral Roberts**  
*Summit champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Golden Eagles were picked in the preseason to finish first but struggled to a sixth-place finish. They swept through the tournament with 47 percent three-point shooting, and held opponents to 36 percent from the field.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Rachel Watman, 5-10, Jr.	12.5 ppg, 2.7 spg
G Marianna Camargo, 6-1, Jr.	13.3 ppg, 5.0 apg
C Jenny Hardin, 6-3, Jr.	13.0 ppg, 5.5 rpg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Jerry Finkbeiner
<b>Record:</b> 19-13, 10-8



[15] **Texas-San Antonio**  
*Southland champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** For the first time in program history, the Roadrunners are in the NCAA tournament. Rippetoe-Blair, in her eighth season, was a longtime assistant at Oklahoma State. Gibbs is the school's all-time leader in assists.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Monica Gibbs, 5-8, Jr.	11.1 ppg, 6 apg
G Terrie Davis, 5-8, Sr.	11.4 ppg
F Onika Anderson, 5-10, Jr.	14 ppg, 8.9 rpg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Rae Rippetoe-Blair
<b>Record:</b> 23-9, 12-4



[14] **Murray State**  
*Ohio Valley champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Nine consecutive wins, capped by a victory in the conference title game, gave the Racers their first championship of any kind since 1929. Hayes and Guffey were two of the top three scorers in the OVC.

TOP PLAYERS	
F Ashley Hayes, 5-10, Jr.	18.4 ppg, 8.6 rpg
G Amber Guffey, 5-7, Jr.	17.7 ppg, 4.4 apg
G Alaina Lee, 5-3, Sr.	11.4 ppg, 3.8 apg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Jody Adams
<b>Record:</b> 24-7, 15-5



[13] **Illinois State**  
*Missouri Valley champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Redbirds, who are making their fifth NCAA tournament appearance, have three players with more than 100 assists and 60 percent of their baskets come off assists. Cirone is a two-time MVC player of the year.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Kristi Cirone, 5-8, Jr.	16.6 ppg, 5.3 apg
G Maggie Krick, 5-11, So.	12.7 ppg, 4.1 rpg
F Ashleen Bracey, 6-0, So.	10.2 ppg, 7.8 rpg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Robin Pingeton
<b>Record:</b> 26-6, 13-5



[12] **Southern Methodist**  
*Conference USA champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Mustangs brought back almost every player from last season and added two freshmen — Haley Day and LaShandra Hill, each of whom was a most valuable player on a state championship team in high school.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Jillian Samuels, 5-4, So.	9.6 ppg, 89% FT
F Delisha Wills, 5-10, So.	12.3 ppg, 5.2 rpg
F Janielle Dodds, 6-3, Sr.	15.0 ppg, 7.6 rpg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Rhonda Rompola
<b>Record:</b> 24-8, 11-5



[11] **Temple**  
*Atlantic 10 at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Owls had a brutal early season, playing six ranked teams and winning only seven of their first 17 games. Their season turned around after a loss at Dayton. Temple won 14 of its last 16 games.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Ashley Morris, 5-5, Sr.	15.1 ppg, 4.5 apg
G LaKeisha Eaddy, 5-6, So.	9.1 ppg, 2.8 apg
F Lady Comfort, 6-2, Sr.	9.4 ppg, 8.5 rpg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Dawn Staley
<b>Record:</b> 21-12, 12-2



[10] **Hartford**  
*America East champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Hawks scored some big nonconference wins, beating Virginia, St. John's, Marist and Michigan State. But in a 70-24 loss to Connecticut on Dec. 29, Hartford made only two second-half field goals.

TOP PLAYERS	
F Danielle Hood, 6-1, Sr.	16.4 ppg, 4.3 rpg
F Diana Delva, 6-2, So.	9.8 ppg, 7.1 rpg
F Erica Beverly, 6-0, Jr.	8.6 ppg, 7.2 rpg

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Jennifer Rizzotti
<b>Record:</b> 27-5, 14-2



[9] **Purdue**  
*Big Ten champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** An unlikely run in the conference tournament put Purdue in the NCAAs for the 15th straight year, the fifth-longest streak in the nation. Malone ranked among the top five in the Big Ten in assists and steals.

TOP PLAYERS	
F Lakisha Freeman, 6-1, Jr.	12.5 ppg, 6.2 rpg
C Danielle Campbell, 6-4, Jr.	12.1 ppg, 7.5 rpg
G FahKara Malone, 5-3, So.	9.7 ppg, 31% 3-pt.

THE TEAM
<b>Coach:</b> Sharon Versyp
<b>Record:</b> 18-14, 11-7