

DALLAS REGION



[1] North Carolina

ACC champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: North Carolina lost to only two teams this season — Duke (twice) and North Carolina State. The Tar Heels are the top scoring team in the country, averaging 85.5 points, and their average margin of victory is 30.4 points.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Ivory Latta, 5-6, Sr.	16.4 ppg, 98 3-pts.
F Erlana Larkins, 6-1, Jr.	13 ppg, 9.6 rpg
G Camille Little, 6-2, Sr.	14.3 ppg, 2.6 spg

THE TEAM
Coach: Sylvia Hatchell
Record: 30-3, 11-3



[2] Purdue

Big Ten champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: A 1989 graduate of Purdue, Versyp is the winningest first-year coach in school history. Gearlds set a school record by scoring 41 at Wisconsin. Wisdom-Hylton ranks fifth nationally with 3.2 blocks per game.

TOP PLAYERS	
F-F Katie Gearlds, 6-1, Sr.	18.1 ppg, 4.8 rpg
F Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton, 6-2, Jr.	14.3 ppg
F Erin Lawless, 6-2, Sr.	10.4 ppg, 5.9 rpg

THE TEAM
Coach: Sharon Versyp
Record: 28-5, 14-2



[3] Georgia

Southeastern at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Lady Bulldogs have won 11 of their last 13 games, with the losses to Tennessee and Vanderbilt. But their strong play late coincided with a slump by Chambers, who shot only 39 percent against SEC teams.

TOP PLAYERS	
F Tasha Humphrey, 6-3, Jr.	16.5 ppg, 7.9 rpg
G Cori Chambers, 5-9, Sr.	13 ppg, 3.5 rpg
G Ashley Houts, 5-6, Fr.	9.1 ppg, 3.7 apg

THE TEAM
Coach: Andy Landers
Record: 25-6, 11-3



[4] Texas A&M

Big 12 at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Aggies rank 13th nationally in three-point shooting (37.7 percent) while allowing opponents to shoot just 26.3 percent from behind the arc. They force six more turnovers per game than they commit.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Takiya Starks, 5-8, So.	14 ppg, 4.2 rpg
G-F Morenike Atunrase, 5-10, Jr.	11.5 ppg
G-F Danielle Gant, 5-11, So.	10.8 ppg, 56.9% FG

THE TEAM
Coach: Gary Blair
Record: 24-6, 12-3



[5] George Washington

Atlantic 10 at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Until Saint Joseph's upset GW in the Atlantic 10 semifinals, the Colonials had won 19 in a row. Their only other losses were to Maryland and Tennessee. GW held foes to 55 points per game, 15th in the nation.

TOP PLAYERS	
C Jessica Adair, 6-4, So.	13.1 ppg, 54.5% FG
G Sarah-Jo Lawrence, 5-11, Jr.	13.1 ppg, 2.1 spg
G Kim Beck, 5-8, Jr.	11.2 ppg, 5.5 apg

THE TEAM
Coach: Joe McKeown.
Record: 26-3, 14-0



[6] Iowa State

Big 12 at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Cyclones were 1-3 in conference play after scoring just 44 points in a rare home loss to Oklahoma State. They shored up their tournament hopes, however, with a late four-game winning streak.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Lyndsey Medders, 5-9, Sr.	12.2 ppg, 6.5 apg
F Nicky Wieben, 6-4, Soph.	12.2 ppg, 5.9 rpg
F Toccaro Ross, 5-11, Jr.	11.3 ppg, 7.6 rpg

THE TEAM
Coach: Bill Fennelly
Record: 25-8, 10-6



[7] Georgia Tech

ACC at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Yellow Jackets posted the second-best turnaround in ACC history, going from 2-12 in conference play to 9-5. Until running into a Maryland team bent on revenge, they had won six in a row and nine of 11.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Stephanie Higgs, 5-9, Sr.	15.5 ppg, 4.6 rpg
F Janie Mitchell, 6-0, Jr.	14.5 ppg, 6.8 rpg
G Chioma Nnamaka, 5-11, Jr.	13 ppg, 4.5 rpg

THE TEAM
Coach: MaChelle Joseph
Record: 20-11, 9-5



[8] California

Pacific-10 at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Golden Bears lost starting point guard Alexis Gray-Lawson to injury in December, but were the only Pac-10 team to beat Stanford during the regular season and won 20 for the first time in 15 years.

TOP PLAYERS	
F-C Ashley Walker, 6-1, So.	17.5 ppg, 8.5 rpg
F-C Devanei Hampton, 6-3, So.	16.4 ppg, 7.9 rpg
G Lauren Greif, 5-10, Fr.	8.6 ppg, 5.6 rpg

THE TEAM
Coach: Joanne Boyle
Record: 23-8, 12-6



[9] Notre Dame

Big East at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Irish were picked to finish 11th in the Big East, and that was before they lost their top returning scorer, Lindsay Schrader, to a season-ending knee injury. But they still earned their 12th consecutive NCAA berth.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Charel Allen, 5-11, Jr.	17 ppg, 6.4 rpg
G Ashley Barlow, 5-9, Fr.	10.8 ppg, 5.3 rpg
G Tulyah Gains, 5-7, Jr.	9.7 ppg, 3.9 apg

THE TEAM
Coach: Muffet McGraw
Record: 19-11, 10-6



[10] DePaul

Big East at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Blue Demons won 10 of their first 11 games, but then a rash of injuries reduced their roster to seven players. They're healthy again, and set a school record for three-pointers in a season (245).

TOP PLAYERS	
G Allie Quigley, 5-11, Jr.	(15.8 ppg, 5 rpg)
G Jenna Rubino, 6-0, Sr.	(12.6 ppg, 5.6 rpg)
F Caprice Smith, 6-1, Jr.	(15.6 ppg, 8.6 rpg)

THE TEAM
Coach: Doug Bruno
Record: 19-12, 8-8



[11] Washington

Pacific-10 at-large

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Huskies had lost six of seven games before getting back on track with a win over Arizona on Feb. 3. Hicks scored 25 points against the Wildcats, and followed that up with a game-high 27 in a road victory against California.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Cameo Hicks, 5-10, Sr.	17.3 ppg, 5.4 rpg
F Andrea Plouffe, 6-2, Jr.	10.2 ppg, 3.6 rpg
G Stefanie Clark, 5-9, So.	7.1 ppg, 2.2 rpg

THE TEAM
Coach: June Daugherty
Record: 18-12, 11-7



[12] Boise State

WAC champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Broncos were reeling from a three-game losing streak in late February, but they righted the ship and closed with five straight wins, three of them to win their first WAC tourney, to set a school record for victories.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Jessica Thompson, 5-9, So.	14.1 ppg, 3.8 rpg
C Michelle Hessing, 6-2, Sr.	11.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg
G Tasha Harris, 5-7, So.	10.6 ppg, 3.9 rpg

THE TEAM
Coach: Gordy Presnell
Record: 24-8, 12-4



[13] Texas Arlington

Southland champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Since late January, the Mavericks' staff has comprised two coaches: Capps and a 23-year-old assistant. One assistant was suspended indefinitely and another was re-assigned at Capps's request.

TOP PLAYERS	
G Terra Wallace, 5-7, Sr.	16.6 ppg, 4 apg
G Maryann Abanobi, 5-8, Sr.	10.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg
C Tiffeny Riles, 6-1, Jr.	9.6 ppg, 5.1 rpg

THE TEAM
Coach: Donna Capps
Record: 24-8, 16-0



[14] Belmont

Atlantic Sun champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Bruins won their first conference title after being the No. 1 seed four times since 2000. Clark makes the team go; she is the two-time conference player of the year and was Miss Basketball in Tennessee as a senior.

TOP PLAYERS	
F Alysha Clark, 5-10, Soph.	17.2 ppg, 12.6 rpg
G Amber Rockwell, 5-8, Fr.	9.4 ppg, 1.2 spg
G Shaunda Strayhorn, 5-6, Fr.	9.3 ppg, 77% FT

THE TEAM
Coach: Tony Cross
Record: 25-6, 16-2



[15] Oral Roberts

Mid-Continent champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Making their second NCAA tournament trip in three years, the Golden Eagles have allowed only four teams to score more than 70 points. They make 9.4 steals per game and force nearly 20 turnovers per game.

TOP PLAYERS	
F Elisha Turek, 6-2, Sr.	17.4 ppg, 10.5 rpg
F Jenny Hardin, 6-3, So.	16 ppg, 49.4% FG
G Mariana Camargo, 6-0, So.	6.9 ppg, 4.2 apg

THE TEAM
Coach: Jerry Finkbeiner
Record: 22-10, 8-6



[16] Prairie View A&M

SWAC champion

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Cooper-Dyke, formerly Cynthia Cooper, is a two-time Olympian. Now, she has the Panthers in their first NCAA tournament. Three freshmen have started this season, including guard Karessa Sauls (Bowie).

TOP PLAYERS	
F Gaati Werema, 6-0, Fr.	14.8 ppg, 10.2 rpg
G Shavonne Smith, 5-7, Jr.	14.1 ppg, 2.8 rpg
G Candice Thomas, 5-9, Fr.	11.2 ppg, 2.9 rpg

THE TEAM
Coach: Cynthia Cooper-Dyke
Record: 19-13, 13-4