

DAYTON REGION



[1] Tennessee *Southeastern at-large*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Parker led the SEC in blocked shots (2.64 per game) and was 10th in steals (two per game), and Hornbuckle was second in steals (3.31). "I consider this, obviously, one of our best defensive teams ever," Summitt said.

TOP PLAYERS

F Candace Parker, 6-4, So.	20.6 ppg, 9.8 rpg
F Sidney Spencer, 6-3, Sr.	11.4 ppg, 86.1% FT
G Alexis Hornbuckle, 5-11, Jr.	9.9 ppg, 4.1 apg

THE TEAM

Coach:
Pat Summitt
Record:
28-3, 14-0



[2] Maryland *ACC at-large*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Only three teams beat the Terrapins this season: Duke (twice), North Carolina (twice) and Georgia Tech. They have all five starters from last year's champs, plus Tennessee transfer Sade Wiley-Gatewood.

TOP PLAYERS

F Crystal Langhorne, 6-2, Jr.	15.1 ppg, 8 rpg
G Marissa Coleman, 6-1, So.	13.1 ppg, 7.3 rpg
G Shay Doron, 5-9, Sr.	11.6 ppg, 4.1 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach:
Brenda Frese
Record:
27-5, 10-4



[3] Oklahoma *Big 12 champion*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Paris has had a double-double in 59 of her 62 career games, including 54 in a row, the longest known streak in men's or women's Division I history. She's third nationally in scoring, second in rebounding and fourth in blocks.

TOP PLAYERS

C Courtney Paris, 6-4, So.	23.8 ppg, 15.9 rpg
F Leah Rush, 6-1, Sr.	9.4 ppg, 4.3 rpg
G Chelsi Welch, 5-9, Sr.	9.2 ppg, 42.9% 3-pt. FG

THE TEAM

Coach:
Sherri Coale
Record:
26-4, 12-3



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

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Buckeyes won their third straight regular season conference title and 10th overall, thanks to a 17-game winning streak. The senior class has accounted for a 106-20 record and three conference championships.

TOP PLAYERS

C Jessica Davenport, 6-5, Sr.	19.4 ppg, 9.7 rpg
F Star Allen, 5-11, So.	10.4 ppg, 64% FG
G Marschella Packer, 5-9, Jr.	10.8 ppg, 2.6 apg

THE TEAM

Coach:
Jim Foster
Record:
28-3, 14-1



[5] Middle Tennessee *Sun Belt champion*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Blue Raiders closed the regular season with a school-record 23-game winning streak, including a defeat of Georgia, and fell by just four points to Maryland in the season opener. It also forces 26.5 turnovers per game.

TOP PLAYERS

G Chrissy Givens, 5-11, Sr.	22.2 ppg, 6.3 rpg
F Amber Holt, 6-0, Jr.	16.9 ppg, 2.8 spg
F Krystle Horton, 6-2, Sr.	9 ppg, 57.8% FG

THE TEAM

Coach:
Rick Insell
Record:
29-3, 18-0



[6] Marquette *Big East at-large*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Golden Eagles earned their highest-ever national ranking (16th) in January. Ellis and Quaye, who were named first team all-Big East, are the catalysts; Marquette is 20-4 when both reach double-digits in points.

TOP PLAYERS

G Krystal Ellis, 5-9, Soph.	18.1 ppg, 3.4 rpg
F Christina Quaye, 6-2, Sr.	16.7 ppg, 52.4% FG
F Danielle Kamm, 6-2, Sr.	8.8 ppg, 5 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach:
Terri Mitchell
Record:
25-6 12-4



[7] Mississippi *Southeastern at-large*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Price is one of five women with 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds, 300 steals and 300 assists in her career (Cheryl Miller, Chamique Holdsclaw, Tamika Catchings and Sophia Young are the others).

TOP PLAYERS

G Armintie Price, 5-9, Sr.	18 ppg, 9.1 rpg
G Ashley Awkward, 5-6, Sr.	12.3 ppg, 2.8 rpg
G Alliesha Easley, 5-8, Fr.	11.1 ppg, 3 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach:
Carol Ross
Record:
21-10, 9-5



[8] Pittsburgh *Big East at-large*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Zellous nearly tripled her scoring average from a year ago. The Panthers have three All-Mets: Stewart (Riverdale Baptist) and freshmen reserves Ashleigh Braxton (Forest Park) and Selena Nwude (Eleanor Roosevelt).

TOP PLAYERS

G Shavonte Zellous, 5-10, So.	19.2 ppg, 6 rpg
C Mercedes Walker, 6-3, Jr.	15.6 ppg, 9.4 rpg
G Xenia Stewart, 6-0, So.	11.4 ppg, 4.7 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach:
Agus Berenato
Record:
23-8, 10-6



[9] James Madison *Colonial at-large*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Dukes, who lost to 16-time champion Old Dominion in the CAA final, are making their first NCAA tournament appearance in 11 years. They have been to the round of 16 four times, most recently in 1991.

TOP PLAYERS

C Meredith Alexis, 6-3, Sr.	18.7 ppg, 11.7 rpg
G Tamera Young, 6-1, Jr.	16.8 ppg, 7.9 rpg
G Lesley Dickinson, 5-10, Sr.	10.8 ppg, 3.2 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach:
Kenny Brooks
Record:
27-5, 16-2



[10] TCU *Mountain West at-large*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: After an 0-3 start, the Horned Frogs won 13 of their next 14 games. TCU went 15-1 at home, but 6-9 away from it. The Horned Frogs forced 21.6 turnovers per game and averaged 10.6 steals.

TOP PLAYERS

G Adrianne Ross, 5-8, Jr.	17.5 ppg, 3.5 rpg
G Ashley Davis, 6-0, Sr.	13.9 ppg, 4.4 rpg
F Hanna Biernacka, 6-1, Sr.	11.7 ppg, 5.1 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach:
Jeff Mittie
Record:
21-10, 11-5



[11] Louisiana-Lafayette *Sun Belt at-large*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Ragin' Cajuns, led by husband-and-wife co-coaches, have not beaten an NCAA tournament team this season. Yolanda Jones is the first Sun Belt player in 12 years to average a double-double in consecutive seasons.

TOP PLAYERS

F Yolanda Jones, 6-1, Sr.	17.9 ppg, 10.4 rpg
G Onna Charles, 5-8, Jr.	11.8 ppg, 4.4 rpg
G Jeanenne Colbert, 5-5, Sr.	10.5 ppg, 4.5 apg

THE TEAM

Coach:
J. Kelley Hall and
Meredith Hall
Record:
25-8, 14-4



[12] Gonzaga *West Coast champion*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Bulldogs, making their first trip to the NCAA tournament in school history, have won 17 of their last 18 games. Bowman, the WCC newcomer of the year, has scored in double figures in 21 games.

TOP PLAYERS

F Stephanie Hawk, 6-3, Sr.	14.7 ppg, 8.1 rpg
F Heather Bowman, 6-2, Fr.	13.2 ppg, 6.1 rpg
G Jami Bjorklund, 5-11, So.	9.2 ppg, 3.8 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach:
Kelly Graves
Record:
24-9, 13-1



[13] Marist *Metro Atlantic champion*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Following a 9-4 start, the Red Foxes have won 18 of 19, including a 12-game winning streak. They needed OT to defeat Iona, 64-57, and become the first MAAC team in seven years to win consecutive championships.

TOP PLAYERS

F Rachele Fitz, 6-0, Fr.	15.0 ppg, 58 FG%
F Meg Dahlman, 6-3, Jr.	11.8 ppg, 6.2 rpg
G Julianne Viani, 5-7, So.	9.6 ppg, 3.3 apg

THE TEAM

Coach:
Brian Giorgis
Record:
27-5, 17-1



[14] SE Missouri State *Ohio Valley champion*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Lachelle Lyles's rebounding average was the best in Division I this year. She finished with 486 rebounds during the regular season, including 32 against Tennessee State, the fourth-highest total in Division I history.

TOP PLAYERS

G Sonya Daugherty, 5-7, So.	13.4 ppg, 2.9 rpg
F-C Missy Whitney, 6-2, Jr.	13.1 ppg, 8.0 rpg
G Tarina Nixon, 5-6, So.	11.0 ppg, 42% 3-pt. FG

THE TEAM

Coach:
Brian Ishee
Record:
24-7, 16-4



[15] Harvard *Ivy League champion*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: Harvard started slow, losing 10 of its first 11 — its only nonconference wins were against Boston College and San Jose State — then won 12 in a row. The guard-oriented Crimson shoot 45.7 percent from the field.

TOP PLAYERS

G Emily Tay, 5-8, So.	12.8 ppg, 5.1 apg
G Lindsay Hallion, 5-8, Jr.	12.1 ppg, 4 rpg
G Niki Finelli, 5-11, So.	11.9 ppg, 5.6 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach:
Kathy
Delaney-Smith
Record:
15-12, 13-1



[16] Drake *Missouri Valley champion*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: The Bulldogs' MVC tournament run led to their 10th NCAA appearance and first since 2002. Drake, which won once between Nov. 24 and Jan. 25, joined Holy Cross as the only tournament teams with losing records.

TOP PLAYERS

F Brandy Dahir, 6-0, Jr.	17.1 ppg, 52.1% FG
G Lindsay Whorton, 6-0, Jr.	14.4 ppg, 66 3-pts
F Monique Jones, 5-10, Fr.	8 ppg, 5.2 rpg

THE TEAM

Coach:
Amy Stephens
Record:
14-18, 5-13