

## GREENSBORO REGION



### [1] Duke *ACC at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Blue Devils' pursuit of perfection ended when they were upset by North Carolina State in the ACC tournament semifinals. Harding's offensive game has developed to match her defense, making her ACC player of the year.

#### TOP PLAYERS

G Lindsey Harding, 5-8, Sr.	14 ppg, 4.1 rpg
C Alison Bales, 6-7, Sr.	11.8 ppg, 4.5 bpg
G Abby Waner, 5-10, So.	14.2 ppg, 4.5 rpg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Gail Goestenkors  
**Record:** 30-1, 14-0



### [9] Nebraska *Big 12 at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Cornhuskers, 12-4 in road and neutral-court games, began to state their case for their first NCAA berth since 2000 with a weeklong trip over the holidays, when they beat N.C. State and host Florida at a tournament.

#### TOP PLAYERS

G Kiera Hardy, 5-6, Sr.	15.8 ppg, 2.6 apg
F Kelsey Griffin, 6-2, Soph.	15.1 ppg, 8.4 rpg
F Chelsea Aubry, 6-2, Sr.	8.6 ppg, 4.5 rpg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Connie Yori  
**Record:** 22-8, 10-6



### [2] Vanderbilt *Southeastern champions*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Commodores ranked third in the nation in shooting (50.1 percent) and first in three-point shooting (43.2 percent). Four of the Commodores' five losses came to teams that finished in the top 10 in RPI.

#### TOP PLAYERS

F Carla Thomas, 6-3, Sr.	16.6 ppg, 54.2% FG
G C. Williams, 5-10, Sr.	12.9 ppg, 49.7% 3-pt.
G Christina Wirth, 6-1, So.	10.9 ppg, 84.3% FT

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Melanie Balcomb  
**Record:** 27-5, 11-4



### [10] Oklahoma State *Big 12 at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Cowgirls ended last season with a 16-game losing streak, 24 straight Big 12 defeats and no road wins since December 2003. Sadiq, 26, is a transfer from U-Conn. and a member of Nigeria's 2004 Olympic team.

#### TOP PLAYERS

F Rashidat Sadiq, 6-2, Sr.	12.8 ppg, 6.2 rpg
G Andrea Riley, 5-5, Fr.	12.5 ppg, 5 apg
G Danielle Green, 5-8, Jr.	11.5 ppg, 6.1 rpg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Kurt Budke  
**Record:** 20-10, 8-8



### [3] Arizona State *Pacific-10 at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Sun Devils set a school record for most regular season and conference victories. Turner Thorne was co-captain of the 1987-88 Stanford team that reached the round of 16.

#### TOP PLAYERS

F Emily Westerberg, 6-0, Sr.	13.8 ppg, 53% FG
F Aubree Johnson, 6-2, Sr.	10.3 ppg, 55% FG
G Jill Noe, 5-10, Sr.	9.6 ppg, 40% 3-pt.)

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Charli Turner Thorne  
**Record:** 28-4, 16-2



### [11] BYU *Mountain West at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Wright is the MWC co-player of the year. The Cougars don't have much depth. Just six players play regularly. Other than Gillespie, no player shoots better than 70 percent from the free throw line.

#### TOP PLAYERS

F Dani Kubik Wright, 6-3, Sr.	13.4 ppg, 6.8 rpg
G Mallary Gillespie, 5-10, Jr.	13.7 ppg, 3.7 rpg
F Lauren Riley, 6-3, Jr.	7.3 ppg, 6.6 rpg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Jeff Judkins  
**Record:** 23-9, 12-4



### [4] Rutgers *Big East champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Prince, who scored 113 points in a high school game as a senior in Brooklyn, has transferred her touch to college. The Scarlet Knights held 11 of their final 16 regular season opponents to season-low point totals.

#### TOP PLAYERS

F/G Essence Carson, 6-0, Jr.	12.8 ppg, 6.3 rpg
G Epiphany Prince, 5-9, Fr.	13.4 ppg, 2.4 spg
C Kia Vaughn, 6-4, Soph.	12.9 ppg, 2.8 bpg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Charli Turner Thorne  
**Record:** 22-8, 12-4



### [12] Delaware *Colonial at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Blue Hens, who had a nine-game and a pair of six-game win streaks, have several area ties, notably Alena Koshansky (Chantilly), who as of last week, was second in the nation in assists-turnovers ratio (3 to 1).

#### TOP PLAYERS

G Tyresa Smith, 5-10, Sr.	19.8 ppg, 7.6 rpg
F Chrissy Fisher, 6-0, Sr.	13. ppg, 7.6 rpg
G Kyle DeHaven, 5-9, Jr.	8.6 ppg, 3.3 apg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Tina Martin  
**Record:** 26-5, 16-2



### [5] Michigan State *Big Ten at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** DeHaan finished with 129 blocks, seven shy of the Big Ten record. Seniors Myisha Bannister, Katrina Grantham, Haynes and Lucas-Perry are the Spartans' first class to win 100 games in their careers.

#### TOP PLAYERS

G Victoria Lucas-Perry, 5-9, Sr.	13.6 ppg, 5.8 rpg
C Allyssa DeHaan, 6-9, Fr.	12.0 ppg, 4.4 bpg
F Aisha Jefferson, 6-1, So.	10.4 ppg, 5.8 rpg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Joanne P. McCallie  
**Record:** 23-8, 13-3



### [13] East Carolina *Conference USA champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Lady Pirates are in the NCAA tournament for only the second time in school history (the other was in 1982) thanks to a 10-game winning streak, including a comeback win over Rice in the Conference USA title game.

#### TOP PLAYERS

C Cherie Mills, 6-4, Sr.	14.9 ppg, 7.3 rpg
G Jasmine Young, 5-5, So.	13.6 ppg, 5.1 apg
G LaCoya Terry, 5-10, So.	13.2 ppg, 4.8 rpg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Sharon Baldwin-Tener  
**Record:** 19-13, 11-5



### [6] Louisville *Big East at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Cardinals were 17-1 at home and 7-5 on the road. McCoughtry joined Georgetown's Rebekkah Brunson as the only players to lead the Big East in both scoring and rebounding in the same year.

#### TOP PLAYERS

F Angel McCoughtry, 6-1, So.	22.3 ppg, 10.9 rpg
C Jazz Covington, 6-2, Sr.	10.8 ppg, 6.9 rpg
F Yuliya Tokova, 6-1, Jr.	7.4 ppg, 5.8 rpg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Tom Collen  
**Record:** 26-7, 10-6



### [14] UC-Riverside *Big West champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Highlanders don't score a lot (61.6 per game), but they make it tough on foes. Led by Nkele's 2.4 per game, they ranked ninth nationally with 5.9 blocks per game, and they allow opponents to shoot just 36.1 percent.

#### TOP PLAYERS

C Kemie Nkele, 6-1, Jr.	16.1 ppg, 8.8 rpg
G S. Gbewonyo, 5-10, So.	10.2 ppg, 5.9 rpg
F Roney Friend, 6-0, So.	8.2 ppg, 5.5 rpg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** John Margaritis  
**Record:** 21-10, 12-2



### [7] Bowling Green *Mid-American champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** Down to nine healthy bodies — two players are out with season-ending knee injuries and another left for undisclosed reasons — the Falcons won a school-record 29 games, including 22 of their last 23.

#### TOP PLAYERS

F Ali Mann, 6-1, Sr.	15.5 ppg, 5.6 rpg
F Carin Horne, 5-10, Sr.	12 ppg, 4.4 rpg
G Kate Achter, 5-8, Jr.	11.8 ppg, 3.5 rpg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Curt Miller  
**Record:** 29-3, 15-1



### [15] Delaware State *MEAC champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Hornets topped Morgan State in the MEAC final to advance to the NCAA tournament for the first time in program history. Delaware State led the MEAC in rebounding margin by a wide margin.

#### TOP PLAYERS

F Raquel Collier, 5-10, Jr.	13.7 ppg, 5.2 rpg
F Katreem Palmer, 6-1, Jr.	11.1 ppg, 6.8 rpg
G Ashlee Burbage, 5-6, Jr.	8.8 ppg, 2.5 apg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Ed Davis  
**Record:** 20-12, 12-6



### [8] Temple *Atlantic 10 at-large*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Owls were the best rebounding team in the conference, averaging nearly 10 more rebounds than their opponents. Temple won 19 of 20 games before losing its last two to George Washington and Xavier.

#### TOP PLAYERS

F Kamesha Hairston, 6-0, Sr.	19.3 ppg, 8.7 rpg
C Lady Comfort, 6-2, Jr.	12.6 ppg, 52.7% FG
G Fatima Maddox, 5-6, Sr.	11.6 ppg 2.7 apg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Dawn Staley  
**Record:** 24-7, 13-1



### [16] Holy Cross *Patriot League champion*

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:** The Crusaders have won a Patriot League-record 11 titles. At one point this season, the Crusaders lost 8 of 9, but enter the NCAAs with six victories in the last seven games. McFadden is from Good Counsel High.

#### TOP PLAYERS

C Kaitlin Foley, 6-4, Sr.	13.5 ppg, 84 FT%
G Bethany O'Dell, 5-8, Fr.	12.2 ppg, 4.0 rpg
G Briana McFadden, 5-10, Fr.	9.3 ppg, 2.8 apg

#### THE TEAM

**Coach:** Bill Gibbons  
**Record:** 15-17, 7-7