

**2003-04**

**Big 12 Conference**

# **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Summer Prospectus**



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### **Big 12 Conference Sportsmanship Statement**

The member institutions of the Big 12 Conference are committed to competition in an arena where sportsmanship and the sense of fair play take center stage. Whether on the field, within the community or in the classroom, those who make up the Big 12 -- its



administrators, coaches, game officials, and student-athletes -- support the highest ideals in sportsmanship.

At the heart of sportsmanship is the commitment of the institutions towards respect for the opposition and those officiating contests in the 21 sports sponsored by the Big 12. It is with a sense of fair play that a true sporting demeanor in the spirit of intercollegiate competition can be created and maintained with a total regard for the welfare of student-athletes, coaches, support personnel and spectators.

Sportsmanship on the field of play is governed by Conference rules and guidelines, as well as those established under the NCAA and amateur organizations. It is the responsibility of game officials and administrators to see to strict adherence to these guidelines. The behavior of spectators is managed by event personnel, who are encouraged to deal with interference or abuse of appropriate sporting behavior in the strictest of methods.

The Big 12 Conference and its member institutions appreciate the support of the majority of fans who wish to create an atmosphere of competition that allows the participants to showcase the game and their respective skills.

**2003 Big 12 Basketball Media Days**  
**Oct. 29 (women) and 30 (men)**  
**Dallas, Texas**  
**(site and schedule TBD)**

### **Big 12 All-Star Team Representing USA in World University Games**

A Big 12 All-Star Team is representing the United States in the 22nd World University Games women's basketball competition in August.

Competition will take place Aug. 21-30 in Daegu, South Korea. The team is coached by Iowa State head coach Bill Fennelly, and he will be assisted by Missouri head coach Cindy Stein and ISU assistant coach Latoja Harris.

Members of the team are: Steffanie Blackmon, Baylor; Tera Bjorklund and Kate Fagan, Colorado; LaToya Davis and Erin Grant, Texas Tech; Anissa Hastings and Heather Schreiber, Texas; Alexa Johnson, Nebraska; Anne O'Neil, Iowa State; Evan Unrau, Missouri; Chelsi Welch, Oklahoma; and Toccara Williams, Texas A&M.

Check out the Big 12 web site: [www.big12sports.com](http://www.big12sports.com) for updates during the competition.

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### **BIG 12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

#### **DID YOU KNOW...**

The Big 12 has placed teams in the NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four the last two seasons. Oklahoma made the league's first appearance in 2002 and advanced to the championship game. Texas made the 2003 field, losing by two points in the semifinals to eventual national champion Connecticut.

The Big 12 Conference has made 51 postseason appearances (40 NCAA, 11 WNIT) in its seven years of existence.

Big 12 men's and women's basketball combined earned 11 NCAA Tournament bids in 2003. In seven years, 96 Big 12 men's and women's teams have advanced to postseason play.

The Big 12 Conference hosted four subregionals in 2003, the most by any conference in the NCAA's new format of predetermined sites. Iowa State and Texas will become the fifth and sixth different Big 12 teams to host subregionals in 2004.

Every Big 12 Conference team has participated in the NCAA Tournament and the league accounts for 100 total appearances - second only to the SEC.

Big 12 Conference teams have compiled 120 NCAA Tournament wins, good for fourth among all leagues.

Eleven Big 12 Conference teams have advanced to an NCAA Regional for a total of 42 appearances, including 19 in the last seven years. In 2002, the Big 12 had a conference-record five teams (Colorado, Kansas State, Oklahoma, Texas, and Texas Tech) compete in Regionals and followed that with three (Colorado, Texas, and Texas Tech) in 2003. Big 12 teams have made 18 trips to a Regional Final, including two (Texas and Texas Tech) in 2003.

Two Big 12 Conference teams, Texas and Texas Tech, have won national championships. Texas won the 1986 title with a perfect 34-0 record and is one of only four teams to record a perfect season in NCAA history. Texas Tech captured the 1993 championship with a 31-3 mark. Texas also competed in the 1987 and 2003 Final Fours while OU was in the 2002 title game.

The Big 12 Conference has had a team ranked in every Associated Press (129) and USA Today (131) Top 25 Poll the past seven seasons.

In the Associated Press Poll, Big 12 schools have been ranked 514 times, including 172 appearances in the Top 10 in the past seven years. The Big 12 is one of only three conferences to have its entire membership ranked at least once in AP Poll history.

The league had a conference-high seven teams ranked in the final 10 AP Polls and the final 11 USA Today/ESPN Polls of the 2001-02 season. January 7, 2002, rankings marked the first time in the history of the Big 12 that it had seven rated teams. The Big 12 led all conferences with seven ranked teams in the final 2001-02 polls, all among the top 17. The conference had at least five teams rated in 30 straight AP Polls (Jan. 8, 2001-Nov. 25, 2002) and at least six teams ranked on 18 occasions.

The Big 12 captured the NCAA attendance crown for the fourth consecutive year in 2003 with 970,764 total fans. The 5,030 average also led the nation and marked only the third time in history a league has surpassed the 5,000 mark as the conference also accomplished this feat in 2001 and 2002. In 2002, the Big 12 reached its goal of one million fans in women's basketball attendance. The conference numbered NCAA records of 1,002,651 total fans and a 5,509 average.

The Big 12 Conference has a 755-305 (.712) record against non-conference competition in the last seven seasons. The league posted an all-time best non-conference winning percentage in 2000-01 of .777 (122-35) and barely missed that mark in 2001-02 with a .776 winning percentage (128-37).

Current Big 12 Conference coaches have notched two NCAA titles, 3,981 wins and a .683 winning percentage.

Texas head coach Jody Conradt was the second woman in history to be inducted into the Naismith National Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and was a member of the first class (1999) inducted into the newly-constructed Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Other Big 12 representatives in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame include Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson (2000), Kansas State associate head coach and former Texas standout Kamie Ethridge (2002), and Texas Tech head coach Marsha Sharp (2003). Mulkey-Robertson was also a 2003 inductee in the CoSIDA Academic Hall of Fame while Conradt was named to the Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame.

Student-athletes from Big 12 Conference schools have been named Kodak All-America first team 25 times, won three Boost-Naismith trophies, five Wade trophies, two Rawlings/WBCA Player of the Year awards and earned one spot (Clarissa Davis) on the NCAA Team of the Decade for the 1980s. Add to this eight student-athletes on Olympic Teams, numerous invitations to compete on USA national teams and 16 spots on Academic All-America first teams.

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**2004 BIG 12 TOURNAMENT BRACKET**

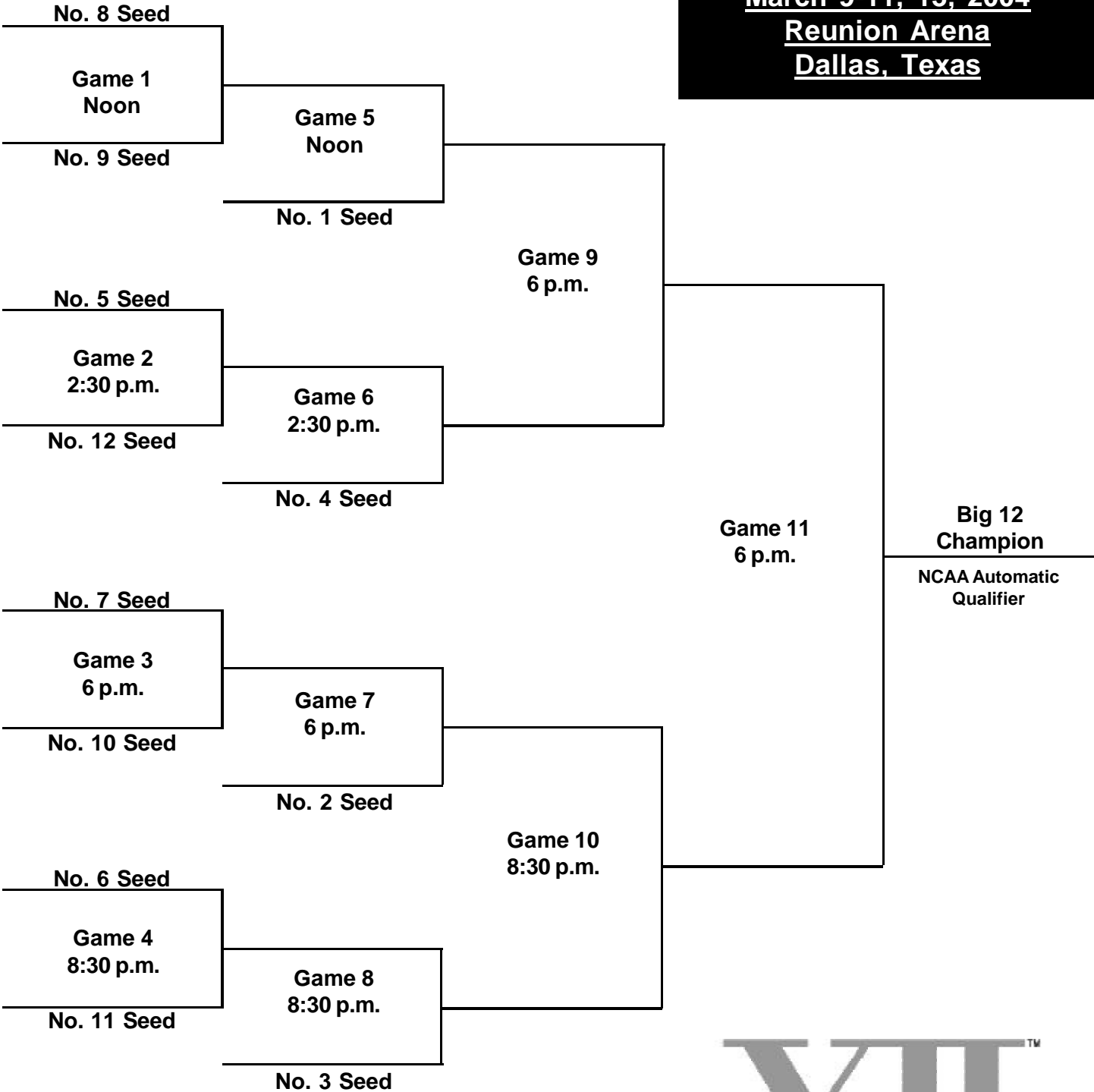
First Round  
Tuesday, March 9

Second Round  
Wednesday, March 10

Semifinals  
Thursday, March 11

Finals  
Saturday, March 13

**March 9-11, 13, 2004**  
**Reunion Arena**  
**Dallas, Texas**



Times Central and Subject to Change  
Television Games TBD



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### **BIG 12 CAPTURES FOURTH CONSECUTIVE ATTENDANCE CROWN**

Big 12 women's basketball captured the NCAA Division I conference attendance crown for the fourth consecutive year in 2003.

The 970,764 total fans led the nation in addition to the per-game average of 5,030. The Big 12 is the only conference to average over 5,000 fans per game and has accomplished this feat three straight years.

Individually, six Big 12 schools finished in the Top 25 of national attendance, including three which placed in the Top 10 for the second consecutive year. Texas Tech placed third with an average of 12,204 fans per contest. Iowa State was fifth with 9,632 followed by Kansas State in sixth with 8,753.

Others in the Top 25 were Texas 14th with 5,398, Oklahoma 17th with 5,196, and Baylor 23rd with 4,216.

The Big 12 enjoyed tremendous attendance in 2003 postseason events. The Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Tournament set five attendance records, including total attendance (35,619) and average attendance per session (5,937).

The conference had two of the top three attendances for NCAA subregionals. Kansas State and Texas Tech ranked second and third, respectively. KSU numbered 22,266 in the two-day event

while Tech drew 22,139.

The Big 12 set all-time national highs in 2001-02 while achieving its goal of becoming the first conference to draw

one million fans to its games. The 1,002,251 cumulative attendance and 5,331 average are NCAA records.

The "Million Fan March" campaign was established prior to the 2000-01 season with the goal of the Big 12 becoming the first conference in the NCAA to draw 1,000,000 during the season. The Big 12 fell short of the mark in 2000-01, its first major promotional attempt, but continued the project and was successful in 2001-02 as "Million Fan March 2".

#### **Big 12 Women's Basketball Attendance Since Inception of league in 1996-97**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Average</u>
1997	532,597	3,272
1998	545,081	3,428
1999	624,096	3,737
2000	802,419	4,720
2001	880,255	5,030
2002	1,002,651	5,331
2003	970,764	5,030

#### **2002-03 Women's Basketball Conference Attendance Leaders**

	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Average</u>
<b>1. BIG 12 CONFERENCE</b>	<b>970,764</b>	<b>5,030</b>
2. Big Ten	716,019	4,447
3. Southeastern	670,023	3,764
4. Mountain West	365,722	3,022

#### **2001-02 Women's Basketball Conference Attendance Leaders**

	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Average</u>
<b>1. BIG 12 CONFERENCE</b>	<b>^1,002,251</b>	<b>^5,331</b>
2. Big Ten	688,206	4,440
3. Southeastern	609,259	3,501
4. Big East	591,008	2,970

^Denotes All-Time NCAA high.

#### **2000-01 Women's Basketball Conference Attendance Leaders**

	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Average</u>
<b>1. BIG 12 CONFERENCE</b>	<b>^880,255</b>	<b>^5,030</b>
2. Big Ten	655,116	4,173
3. Southeastern	586,734	3,353
4. Big East	540,014	2,813

^Was an All-Time NCAA Division I high before the Big 12 set the record for the third straight year in 2001-02.

#### **1999-2000 Women's Basketball Conference Attendance Leaders**

	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Average</u>
<b>1. BIG 12 CONFERENCE</b>	<b>!802,419</b>	<b>!4,720</b>
2. Big Ten	675,200	4,328
3. Southeastern	566,065	3,330
4. Pac-10	325,413	2,393

!Was an All-Time NCAA Division I high before the Big 12 set the record again in 2000-01.



Texas Tech consistently ranks in the Top Five for national attendance.

#### **2002-03 Big 12 Women's Basketball Attendance**

<u>Team (national rank)</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Average</u>
1. Texas Tech (3)	195,259	12,204
2. Iowa State (5)	134,846	9,632
3. Kansas State (6)	175,053	8,753
4. Texas (14)	80,974	5,398
5. Oklahoma (17)	67,546	5,196
6. Baylor (23)	88,530	4,216
7. Colorado (33)	51,781	3,236
8. Nebraska (42)	41,995	2,625
9. Oklahoma State (44)	30,256	2,521
10. Missouri (55)	30,390	2,026
11. Texas A&M (87)	21,040	1,403
12. Kansas (103)	17,475	1,248

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### **BIG 12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMPOSITE SCHEDULE** (Non-Conference schedule not yet available; all dates subject to change)

#### **Wednesday, January 7**

Colorado at Baylor  
Texas at Kansas  
Missouri at Kansas State  
Nebraska at Oklahoma  
Texas A&M at Oklahoma State

#### **Saturday, January 10**

Baylor at Texas A&M  
Kansas State at Colorado  
Iowa State at Nebraska  
Kansas at Missouri  
Oklahoma at Texas  
Oklahoma State at Texas Tech

#### **Tuesday, January 13**

Colorado at Kansas  
Kansas State at Oklahoma State

#### **Wednesday, January 14**

Texas at Baylor  
Texas Tech at Iowa State  
Nebraska at Missouri  
Oklahoma at Texas A&M

#### **Saturday, January 17**

Baylor at Texas Tech  
Iowa State at Texas  
Kansas at Kansas State  
Oklahoma State at Oklahoma  
Texas A&M at Nebraska

#### **Sunday, January 18**

Missouri at Colorado

#### **Tuesday, January 20**

Oklahoma at Iowa State

#### **Wednesday, January 21**

Kansas at Baylor  
Texas A&M at Colorado  
Nebraska at Texas Tech  
Oklahoma State at Texas

#### **Saturday, January 24**

Baylor at Oklahoma  
Missouri at Kansas  
Kansas State at Nebraska  
Texas Tech at Oklahoma State  
Texas at Texas A&M

#### **Sunday, January 25**

Colorado at Iowa State

#### **Tuesday, January 27**

Baylor at Kansas State

#### **Wednesday, January 28**

Iowa State at Oklahoma State  
Oklahoma at Missouri  
Texas at Nebraska  
Texas A&M at Texas Tech

#### **Saturday, January 31**

Nebraska at Baylor  
Colorado at Missouri  
Iowa State at Texas A&M  
Oklahoma State at Kansas  
Oklahoma at Kansas State

#### **Sunday, February 1**

Texas Tech at Texas

#### **Wednesday, February 4**

Nebraska at Colorado  
Kansas State at Iowa State  
Kansas at Texas Tech  
Missouri at Texas  
Oklahoma State at Texas A&M

#### **Saturday, February 7**

Texas Tech at Baylor  
Missouri at Iowa State  
Kansas at Nebraska  
Texas A&M at Oklahoma  
Texas at Oklahoma State

#### **Sunday, February 8**

Colorado at Kansas State

#### **Wednesday, February 11**

Baylor at Missouri  
Iowa State at Colorado  
Kansas State at Kansas  
Oklahoma State at Nebraska  
Oklahoma at Texas Tech  
Texas A&M at Texas

#### **Saturday, February 14**

Baylor at Iowa State  
Texas at Colorado  
Kansas at Oklahoma  
Nebraska at Kansas State  
Missouri at Oklahoma State  
Texas Tech at Texas A&M

#### **Tuesday, February 17**

Iowa State at Kansas  
Texas Tech at Missouri

#### **Wednesday, February 18**

Oklahoma State at Baylor  
Colorado at Oklahoma  
Kansas State at Texas A&M

#### **Saturday, February 21**

Oklahoma at Baylor  
Oklahoma State at Colorado  
Nebraska at Iowa State  
Texas A&M at Kansas

#### **Sunday, February 22**

Kansas State at Missouri  
Texas at Texas Tech

#### **Tuesday, February 24**

Kansas at Colorado

#### **Wednesday, February 25**

Baylor at Texas  
Iowa State at Kansas State  
Missouri at Nebraska  
Texas Tech at Oklahoma

#### **Saturday, February 28**

Texas A&M at Baylor  
Colorado at Texas Tech  
Iowa State at Missouri  
Nebraska at Kansas  
Oklahoma at Oklahoma State

#### **Sunday, February 29**

Kansas State at Texas

#### **Tuesday, March 2**

Texas at Oklahoma

#### **Wednesday, March 3**

Baylor at Oklahoma State  
Colorado at Nebraska  
Texas Tech at Kansas State  
Missouri at Texas A&M

#### **Thursday, March 4**

Kansas at Iowa State

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## BIG 12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

### EXPERIENCE ABUNDANT AS BIG 12 ENTERS EIGHTH SEASON

Experience should be in abundance for Big 12 teams in 2003-04 after losing very few key players from last year's squads. Fifteen of the 20 members of the 2003 All-Big 12 Team were underclassmen and return to the conference this season including Big 12 Player of the Year and consensus All-America Nicole Ohlde of Kansas State.

The Big 12 returns its leader in 10 statistical categories, including 24 of the Top 30 scorers and 15 of the Top 20 rebounders. Twelve of the Top 30 scorers were freshmen or sophomores last season and eight of the Top 20 rebounders were freshmen or sophomores.

Despite youth, the Big 12 still had a successful campaign in 2002-03. Texas was the second consecutive Big 12 team to play in the Final Four, following Oklahoma's appearance in 2002. Texas Tech joined Texas to give the conference two teams in the Elite Eight for the second straight year and Colorado joined those two in the Sweet 16. Texas lost by two points to eventual national champion Connecticut in the national semifinals. In all the Big 12 had five teams invited to the NCAA Tournament and two in the WNIT. Baylor advanced to the WNIT championship game before falling by one point to Auburn. Kansas State, Texas and Texas Tech all recorded 29 victories last season and finished among the Top 13 in the country in winning percentage.

### FOUR TEAMS INVITED TO PRESEASON EVENTS

Four Big 12 teams have been invited to play in preseason events to kick off the season. Kansas State and Texas will compete in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic. This year marks the third straight that half of the Tip-Off Classic has been fielded by Big 12 teams. KSU will face host Purdue while Texas battles Duke on Nov. 16. Both games will be televised nationally by either ESPN or ESPN2.

Texas Tech will represent the Big 12 in the Preseason WNIT. The Lady Raiders host a first round game on Nov. 14 vs. UT-San Antonio. Later round sites and opponents are TBD.

Colorado will host the WBCA Classic on Nov. 14-15. The Buffs open against Old Dominion while Auburn and Notre Dame complete the field.

### BIG 12 WELCOMES BLAIR TO COACHING CORPS

Gary Blair joins the Big 12 coaching fraternity this season after taking over the reins at Texas A&M. The 18-year head coaching veteran has a 408-163 career record after stops at Stephen F. Austin and most recently Arkansas.

### FIFTEEN ALL-BIG 12 SELECTIONS RETURN

As mentioned earlier, 15 of the 20 members of the 2003 All-Big 12 Team return this season. First team returners include Player of the Year KSU senior Nicole Ohlde along with her junior teammates Kendra Wecker and Megan Mahoney. Others are Texas senior Stacy Stephens and junior Heather Schreiber, Texas Tech senior Jia Perkins, Colorado senior Tera Bjorklund, and Missouri senior Evan Unrau.

Second team returners are Baylor junior Steffanie Blackmon, Oklahoma State senior Trisha Skibbe, Texas A&M senior Toccara Williams, and Oklahoma teammates junior Dionnah Jackson and sophomore Chelsi Welch.

Baylor sophomore Sophia Young and Nebraska senior Alexa Johnson are back from last year's honorable mention selections.

### RETURNING SCORING/REBOUNDING LEADERS

Ten teams return their top scorer and nine their leading rebounder from a year ago.

Baylor returns its top seven scorers, led by junior Steffanie Blackmon's 17.6 ppg. In fact, the Lady Bears lose only one letterwinner from last year's squad in starter Stasha Richards. Sophomore Sophia Young averaged 10.0 rpg to become the first freshman to lead the Big 12 or former Southwest and Big Eight Conferences in rebounding. She was also the first frosh in Big 12 men's or women's basketball to average a double-double for the season in points (14.2) and rebounds (10.0).

Colorado welcomes back its top two scorers in seniors Tera Bjorklund (18.5 ppg) and Kate Fagan (10.9 ppg). Bjorklund was the team's second-leading rebounder grabbing 6.8 per game last year.

Iowa State lost its leading scorer, point guard Lindsey Wilson, but returns its next two scorers in junior Anne O'Neil (10.0 ppg) and junior Lisa Kriener (9.8 ppg). The Cyclones return leading rebounder junior Mary Fox (6.1 rpg).

Kansas brings back its top five scorers and top six rebounders. Sophomores Crystal Kemp and Tamara Ransburg shared the scoring

lead last year each averaging 10.9 ppg. Ransburg was tops in boards with 7.8 rpg.

Kansas State returns its entire team from 2002-03. Junior Kendra Wecker led the Wildcats in scoring last year with 19.0 ppg while senior Nicole Ohlde grabbed the most rebounds with 9.0 per outing.

Missouri returns nine of 10 of its leading scorers and rebounders. Senior Evan Unrau led the Tigers in both categories last year with 16.0 ppg and 7.7 rpg.

Nebraska has its top two scorers back in seniors Alexa Johnson (14.8 ppg) and Margaret Richards (11.4 ppg). Johnson was also the leading rebounder (6.8 rpg). The Huskers also welcome back senior Katie Morse who averaged 12.0 ppg and 7.9 rpg before sidelined with an injury after seven contests.

Oklahoma welcomes back six of its top seven scorers led by senior Maria Villarroel's 15.0 ppg. OU lost its leading rebounder but brings back the next six. In addition OU regains the services of senior All-America candidate Caton Hill who suffered a knee injury after four games last season.

Oklahoma State brings back its leading scorer and rebounder in senior Trisha Skibbe. She put up 17.1 ppg and 8.0 rpg last year.

Texas returns six of its top seven scorers and rebounders from last year's Final Four squad. Senior Stacy Stephens held the top position in both categories with 14.4 ppg and 9.1 rpg. Junior Heather Schreiber was close behind with 14.3 ppg and 8.2 rpg.

Texas A&M has its leading six scorers and rebounders back. Senior Toccara Williams topped the team in scoring with 12.3 ppg while senior Janae Derrick was the top rebounder with 5.9 rpg.

Texas Tech lost its top scorer and rebounder in Plenette Pierson, but returns 10 other letterwinners. Senior Jia Perkins was the second-leading scorer with 15.9 ppg last year and tied with junior Cisti Greenwalt as second-leading rebounder with 5.1 rpg.

### Following is a look at the percentages of each team's returning scoring and rebounding production from last year.

	Returning Scoring	Returning Rebounding
BU	92.5%	90.6%
CU	68.2%	62.6%
ISU	54.7%	73.8%
KU	90.3%	90.4%
KSU	100%	100%
MU	85.3%	82.2%
NU	60.9%	75.7%
OU	78.8%	75.5%
OSU	44.5%	49.8%
UT	85.4%	86.6%
TAMU	83.6%	79.2%
TTU	72.4%	77.6%

### TEN CONFERENCE STAT LEADERS RETURN

The Big 12 returns its leader in 10 statistical categories from last season.

<b>Rebounding:</b> Sophia Young, BU, So	10.0
<b>Field Goal Pct:</b> Maria Villarroel, OU, Sr	57.6%
<b>Free Throw Pct:</b> Kendra Wecker, Jr	86.4%
<b>Assists:</b> Erin Grant, TTU, So	6.51
<b>Steals:</b> Toccara Williams, TAMU, Sr	4.33
<b>Blocks:</b> Tamara Ransburg, KU, So	2.34
<b>3-Pt FG Made:</b> Kate Fagan, CU, Sr	2.19
<b>Asst/TO Ratio:</b> Jamie Carey, UT, Sr	2.3
<b>Offensive Rebounds:</b> Sophia Young, BU, So	4.06
<b>Defensive Rebounds:</b> Kendra Wecker, KSU, Jr	6.21

### SIX BIG 12 PLAYERS ON PRESEASON WOODEN ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Six Big 12 players were named to the first ever John R. Wooden Women's Basketball Preseason All-America Team.

Colorado's Tera Bjorklund, Kansas State's Nicole Ohlde and Kendra Wecker, Texas' Stacy Stephens and Heather Schreiber, and Texas Tech's Jia Perkins are among 30 players in consideration for the first Wooden Women's Basketball Player of the Year award to be given in March of 2004.

### TWO BIG 12 SCHOOLS SELECTED TO HOST 2004 NCAA FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS/OU TO HOST MIDWEST REGIONAL

Two Big 12 schools, Iowa State and Texas, were chosen by the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee to host first and second

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round sites of the 2004 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. ISU and UT are the fifth and sixth Big 12 schools to host first and second rounds since the NCAA went to predetermined sites prior to the 2003 championship. Last year's Big 12 hosts were Colorado, Kansas State, Oklahoma and Texas Tech.

Dates for both Iowa State and Texas sites are Sunday, March 21 and Tuesday, March 23. In addition, Oklahoma will host the 2004 Midwest Regional on Sunday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 30. OU is the fourth Big 12 school to host the Midwest Regional in the last five years joining Kansas (2000), Colorado (2001) and Iowa State (2002).

### 2004 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship

#### Host Sites

#### First/Second Rounds

**Ames, Iowa (Iowa State); Austin, Texas (Texas);** Albuquerque, N.M. (New Mexico); Chattanooga, Tenn. (UT-Chattanooga); Columbus, Ohio (Ohio State); Missoula, Mont. (Montana); Philadelphia, Pa. (Temple); Santa Barbara, Calif. (UCSB); Tallahassee, Fla. (Florida State); Tempe, Ariz. (Arizona State); Baton Rouge, La. (LSU); Blacksburg, Va. (Virginia Tech); Durham, N.C. (Duke); Fairfield, Conn. (Fairfield), Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnesota); South Bend, Ind. (Notre Dame)

#### Regionals

**Midwest: Norman, Okla. (Oklahoma);** East: Hartford, Conn. (Big East Conference); Mideast: Norfolk, Va. (Old Dominion); West: Seattle, Wash. (Washington)

#### Final Four

New Orleans, La. (Tulane)

### BIG 12/SEC CHALLENGE

The Big 12 will battle the SEC for the first time in a women's basketball regular season challenge on Dec. 20 and 21. Georgia will travel to Texas on Dec. 20 and Oklahoma will host Tennessee on Dec. 21.

In previous challenges, the Big 12 faced the ACC in 1997, 1999-2001, the Big Ten in 2001 and 2002, and the Pac-10 in 1998. The Big 12 is 9-5 in challenge games (6-2 vs. ACC, 3-1 vs. Big Ten, and 0-2 vs. Pac-10). Following is a look at the Big 12 in challenge games.

#### 1997 Big 12/ACC Challenge

at Colorado 67, North Carolina State 62  
Texas 68, Clemson 53 (in Boulder)

#### 1998 Big 12/Pac-10 Challenge

Stanford 80, at Texas Tech 71  
Arizona 67, Kansas 62 (in Lubbock)

#### 1999 Big 12/ACC Challenge

at Virginia 80, Baylor 51  
at Clemson 81, Iowa State 72

#### 2000 Big 12/ACC Challenge

at Iowa State 79, North Carolina 67  
at Texas 81, North Carolina State 77

#### 2001 Big 12/ACC Challenge

Iowa State 71, at North Carolina State 64  
Oklahoma 94, at North Carolina 77

#### 2002 Big 12/Big Ten Challenge

at Oklahoma 91, Illinois 69  
at Texas Tech 78, Wisconsin 62

#### 2003 Big 12/Big Ten Challenge

at Kansas State 103, Iowa 60  
at Ohio State 70, Texas 66

### BIG 12 IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

The Big 12 Conference has had a team ranked in every Associated Press (129) and USA Today (131) Top 25 Poll the past seven seasons.

In the Associated Press Poll, Big 12 schools have been ranked 514 times, including 172 appearances in the Top 10 in the past seven years. The Big 12 is one of only three conferences to have its entire membership ranked at least once in AP Poll history.

The league had a conference-high seven teams ranked in the final 10 AP Polls and the final 11 USA Today/ESPN Polls of the 2001-02 season. January 7, 2002, rankings marked the first time in the history of the Big

12 that it had seven rated teams. The Big 12 led all conferences with seven ranked teams in the final 2001-02 polls, all among the top 17. The conference had at least five teams rated in 30 straight AP Polls (Jan. 8, 2001-Nov. 25, 2002) and at least six teams ranked on 18 occasions.

### BIG 12 PLAYERS HELP USA TEAMS TO MEDALS

In addition to the Big 12 All-Star Team representing the US in the World University Games, four other Big 12 student-athletes played on USA Basketball squads over the summer.

Kansas State's Nicole Ohlde and Kendra Wecker helped the US capture the gold medal at the FIBA World Championship for Young Women. For the tournament, Ohlde averaged 7.8 points and 5.6 rebounds while Wecker totaled 4.6 points and 2.1 rebounds.

KSU's Laurie Koehn and Texas' Jamie Carey played on the silver-medal winning US Pan American Games team. Carey averaged 9.6 ppg, 1.6 rpg and led the team with 16 assists. Koehn numbered 8.9 ppg and 1.1 rpg. In addition Koehn hit 17 three-pointers and Carey 13 to rank 1-2 in career three-pointers made by US players in the Pan American Games.

### BIG 12 COACHES RECEIVE HONORS

Several Big 12 coaches have received honors within the past year. Texas Tech's Marsha Sharp became the fourth Big 12 coach to be inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Kansas coach Marian Washington was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the BCA. Baylor skipper Kim Mulkey-Robertson was inducted into the Verizon Academic All-America Hall of Fame and Texas mentor Jody Conradt was inducted into the Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame.

### Big 12 Year-by-Year Non-Conference Records

2003: 112-49 (.696)  
2002: 128-37 (.776)  
2001: 122-35 (.777)  
2000: 105-48 (.686)  
1999: 104-45 (.698)  
1998: 92-48 (.657)  
1997: 92-43 (.681)  
**Total: 755-305 (.712)**

### BIG 12 HOME-AWAY CONFERENCE RECORDS

Here's a look at each team's home-away records in Big 12 games since the inception of the conference with the 2002-03 record in parentheses. Kansas State and Texas were the only teams to go undefeated in home conference games last year while no one went undefeated on the road.

	<b>Big 12 Home Record</b>	<b>Big 12 Away Record</b>
Baylor	37-19 (5-3)	19-37 (3-5)
Colorado	38-18 (6-2)	23-33 (5-3)
Iowa State	46-10 (5-3)	28-28 (2-6)
Kansas	33-23 (1-7)	22-34 (2-6)
Kansas State	35-21 (8-0)	18-38 (6-2)
Missouri	30-26 (6-2)	12-44 (3-5)
Nebraska	30-26 (0-8)	16-40 (1-7)
Oklahoma	36-20 (5-3)	28-28 (4-4)
Oklahoma State	24-32 (2-6)	18-38 (1-7)
Texas	43-13 (8-0)	27-29 (7-1)
Texas A&M	15-41 (2-6)	7-49 (1-7)
Texas Tech	50-6 (7-1)	37-19 (6-2)
( )	2002-03 Record	

### Big 12 Postseason Attendance

In 15 NCAA Tournament games, Big 12 teams played in front of 138,429 fans for an average of 9,228 per contest. The seven tournament games played at Big 12 sites (Big 12 teams only) drew 57,424 spectators for an average of 8,203. Including the eight WNIT games, 164,510 fans have watched Big 12 squads for an average of 7,152. Total home attendance including seven WNIT games is 81,342 for a 5,810 average.

### Hook'em

The Texas men advanced to the 2003 Final Four as UT became only the fourth school in NCAA history and second Big 12 school to have both of its basketball teams compete in the Final Fours in the same season. Oklahoma sent both of its teams to the Final Fours in 2003. Georgia accomplished the feat first in 1983 and Duke was second in 1999.

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## BIG 12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

### Three Big 12 Teams in Final Fours

For the second consecutive year the Big 12 was represented by three of its teams in the Final Fours as the Kansas men joined both Texas squads. The Jayhawks also played in the men's Final Four in 2002. There are 647 (325 men, 322 women) basketball teams in NCAA Division I, and the 24 men's and women's teams from the Big 12 compose 3.7 percent of that total. In the men's and women's Final Fours, 37.5 percent (three of eight teams) of the field was represented by the Big 12 the last two seasons.

### Big 12 Has Most Sweet 16 Teams in Last Three Years

The Big 12 has made a nation-best 12 Sweet 16 appearances in the last three years and is also tops with seven different teams in the Regional Semifinals in the same span. Big 12 teams and their appearances are Colorado (02-03), Iowa State (01), Kansas State (02), Missouri (01), Oklahoma (01-02), Texas (01-03) and Texas Tech (01-02-03). The SEC is second with five of 12 teams for eight Sweet 16 appearances from 2001-03.

### Four on All-Regional Teams

Four Big 12 student-athletes were named to 2003 All-Regional teams. In the West, Texas' Heather Schreiber was named MVP and was joined on the squad by teammates Stacy Stephens and Jamie Carey. Texas Tech's Plenette Pierson was selected to the Midwest All-Regional team.

### Big 12 Had Two of Top Three Attendances in Subregionals

Kansas State and Texas Tech ranked second and third, respectively, behind New Mexico for top subregional attendances. UNM numbered 32,365, followed by KSU with 22,266, and TTU with 22,139. Texas Tech had the second-best attended first round game with 11,059 and the third-highest attendance in the second round with 11,080. KSU had the third-best attendance in the first round with 10,732 and the second-best in the second round with 11,534.

### Big 12 Postseason Teams

	NCAA	WNIT
1997	6	N/A
1998	4	2
1999	5	4
2000	6	1
2001	7	1
2002	7	1
2003	5	2
<b>Total Appearances</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>11</b>

### Big 12 Round-by-Round NCAA Tournament Results (1997-2003)

First Round	30-10	(.750)
Second Round	19-11	(.633)
Regional Semi	6-13	(.316)
Regional Final	2-4	(.333)
National Semi	1-1	(.500)
National Final	0-1	(.000)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>58-40</b>	<b>(.592)</b>

### Big 12 Sends 15 of 24 Teams to 2003

#### Postseason Basketball Tournaments

The Big 12 Conference was represented by 15 of its 24 men's and women's basketball teams in 2003 postseason tournaments. Six men's teams and five women's teams competed in the NCAA Tournaments while two men's and women's teams each played in the NIT and WNIT.

NCAA Men's Teams: Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas

NCAA Women's Teams: Colorado, Kansas State, Oklahoma, Texas, Texas Tech

NIT Teams: Iowa State, Texas Tech

WNIT Teams: Baylor, Missouri

### All 12 Teams Have Been to the Big Dance

With Baylor's invitation in 2001, every Big 12 Conference team has made an appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Texas leads the pack as the Longhorns made their 19th appearance in 2003 out of the 22 NCAA Tournaments. Only five schools (Louisiana Tech, Tennessee, Georgia, Old Dominion, Virginia) have made more NCAA Tournament appearances than Texas. Texas Tech made its 16th appearance and 14th straight in

2003. Colorado was in the NCAA Tourney for the 11th time, while Kansas State made its seventh appearance and Oklahoma its sixth.

### Big 12 NCAA Tournament Appearances

	No.	Years
Baylor	2	2001, 02
Colorado	11	1988, 89, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 01, 02, 03
Iowa State	6	1997, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02
Kansas	11	1987, 88, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00
Kansas State	7	1982, 83, 84, 87, 97, 02, 03
Missouri	7	1982, 83, 84, 85, 86, 94, 01
Nebraska	6	1988, 93, 96, 98, 99, 00
Oklahoma	6	1986, 95, 00, 01, 02, 03
Oklahoma State	7	1989, 90, 91, 93, 94, 95, 96
Texas	19	1983, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03
Texas A&M	2	1994, 96
Texas Tech	16	1984, 86, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03

### Big 12 Teams' 100 NCAA Tournament Appearances Rank Second to the SEC

Including 2003, teams from the Big 12 Conference have made 100 NCAA Tournament appearances, second only to the SEC with 145. The ACC is third with 95.

### Big 12 Teams Have 120 NCAA Tournament Wins

Big 12 Conference teams have compiled 120 NCAA Tournament wins in the 23 years of the event to place fourth among all Division I leagues. The SEC leads the nation with 252 wins followed by the Big East with 134 and the ACC with 124.

Texas leads the Big 12 with 28 NCAA Tournament wins, followed by Texas Tech with 27.

### Two Big 12 Teams Have Won National Titles

Texas and Texas Tech have both won national championships while members of the now-defunct Southwest Conference. Texas won the 1986 title with a perfect 34-0 record and is one of only four teams to record a perfect season in NCAA history (Connecticut in 2002 and 1995; Tennessee in 1998). Texas Tech captured the 1993 championship with a 31-3 record. Texas also competed in the 2003 and 1987 Final Fours while Oklahoma advanced to the championship game of the 2002 event.

### Eleven Big 12 Teams Have Played in NCAA Regional Competition

Eleven Big 12 Conference teams have advanced to an NCAA regional semifinal, and five have played in a regional final. Texas Tech made its 11th regional semifinal appearance in 2003 and advanced to its fourth regional final. Texas made its 11th Sweet 16 and eighth trip to the regional final. Colorado played in its sixth regional semifinal in 2003 and has made three trips to the regional final. Oklahoma played in its fourth regional semifinal and first regional final in 2002. Kansas State made its third Sweet 16 appearance in 2002 and has played in one Elite Eight. Iowa State (one regional final) made its third regional semifinal appearance in 2001. Missouri has played in the Sweet 16 twice. Kansas, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M have played in one each.

### Six Big 12 Teams Have Made WNIT Appearances

Six Big 12 teams have been invited to the WNIT in its six years of existence for 11 total appearances. Baylor and Oklahoma State played in the inaugural event with Baylor advancing to the championship game against Penn State. Baylor made repeat appearances in 1999 and 2003, also advancing to the finals in 2003. Colorado, Kansas State and Oklahoma made their WNIT debuts in 1999. Missouri represented the Big 12 in 2000, 2002 and 2003. Oklahoma State made a return appearance in the WNIT in 2001.

### Big 12 WNIT Composite Record

	Appearances	W	L	Pct.
Baylor	3	8	3	.727
Missouri	3	3	3	.500
Oklahoma State	2	3	2	.600
Colorado	1	1	1	.500
Kansas State	1	1	1	.500
Oklahoma	1	1	1	.500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>.571</b>

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## BIG 12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM NOTES

### **Baylor**

\*Baylor has advanced to postseason every season since head coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson's arrival (NCAA 2001 and 2002; WNIT 2003)  
\*Mulkey-Robertson has guided the Lady Bears to 20-win seasons in each of her three years (2001: 21-9, 2002: 27-6; 2003: 24-11)  
\*Sophia Young set new Big 12 and Baylor records for rebounds in a game with 25 against Auburn in the WNIT championship game  
\*Baylor returns 92.5 percent of scoring and 90.6 percent of rebounding from the 2002-03 season  
\*Steffanie Blackmon, Young and Melanie Hamerly combined for 149 of BU's 204 blocks last season, all return in 2003-04.

### **Colorado**

\*Colorado returns leading scorer Tera Bjorklund, who wrapped up the 2002-03 season as the second-leading scorer in the NCAA Tournament at 24.7 ppg  
\*CU returns three starters from a year ago in seniors Bjorklund, Kate Fagan and Maria Billingsley. Randi Wirt also has starting experience  
\*Fagan was the leading three-point shooter in the Big 12 last season with 70 (2.19 per game) and set a CU and Big 12 record with 44 free throws in a row, shooting over 95 percent from the charity stripe  
\*The Buffs return at least 65 percent of their output in almost every offensive category from a year ago

### **Iowa State**

\*The Cyclones bring in their largest group of newcomers in two years, looking for immediate contributions to the starting lineup  
\*ISU must replace two starters, all-Big 12 performer Lindsey Wilson and Mary Cofield  
\*Iowa State has only one senior on the roster in Erica Junod, while a seasoned crop of juniors were battle-tested as sophomores last season  
\*ISU's potent three-point attack returns, while the inside game is beefed up with incoming 6-3 freshman Jane Horkey and 6-2 transfer Katie Robinette  
\*Iowa State will be tested immediately in non-conference action with a trip to the Virgin Islands with opponents Virginia Tech, Mississippi State and Indiana. Other non-conference foes are Washington, at Wisconsin and in-state rivals Iowa, Drake and Northern Iowa

### **Kansas**

\*Kansas returns 95 percent of its scoring and 83 percent of its rebounding and all five starters  
\*The Jayhawks will suit up 15 players, 13 of which will be in either their first or second season at KU  
\*Kansas will feature six players with collegiate playing experience prior to coming to KU  
\*The Jayhawks will enjoy the services of freshman Lauren Ervin who was rated the No. 2 prospect in the country by many top analysts

### **Kansas State**

\*Kansas State returns all five starters from last year's NCAA Tournament team  
\*Two of K-State's starting five were members of the Associated Press All-America teams (Ohlde, Wecker) and three were named All-Big 12 (Ohlde, Wecker, Megan Mahoney)  
\*The Wildcats drew a school-record home attendance of 175,053 fans over 20 games last year (8,753 ave)  
\*Kansas State finished the season ranked No. 8 in the AP poll and No. 10 in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll. The Cats reached their highest ranking Nov. 25 when they were No. 2 in both polls  
\*KSU won a program record 29 games last season

### **Missouri**

\*Missouri returns a senior-laden team in 2003-04 as all four returning starters will be in their last season  
\*Senior forward Evan Unrau was a first team All-Big 12 selection last year while ending the year eighth in the conference in scoring and 10th in rebounding  
\*Mizzou advanced to the third round of the WNIT last season, its fourth straight year of postseason play

### **Nebraska**

\*Nebraska returns its four top players from last year and its top player from the 2001-02 season while bringing in a solid, six-player recruiting class

\*One of the most improved players in the Big 12 last season, Alexa Johnson earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors with a breakout year in 2002-03, while Keasha Cannon was an honorable mention All-Big 12 pick and the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year in 2001-02. Cannon led the Huskers in every statistical category in 2001-02  
\*Katie Morse is scheduled to return at 100 percent after suffering a season-ending knee injury in Game 7 last season. Morse averaged 12 points and 7.9 rebounds prior to the injury with back-to-back double doubles

### **Oklahoma**

\*Oklahoma returns an impressive 78.8 percent of its scoring and 75.5 percent of its rebounding for the 2003-04 season  
\*OU also returns four players who suffered ACL injuries last season, including senior All-America candidate Caton Hill and freshman standout Erin Higgins  
\*Higgins returns to the court after averaging 10 points in her first three games as a true freshman last season. Higgins and Hill both suffered ACL injuries on the same day: Nov. 26, 2002  
\*OU has advanced to four consecutive NCAA Tournaments under eighth-year head coach Sherri Coale  
\*OU's top three scorers return this season, including All-Big 12 second team performers Dionnah Jackson and Chelsi Welch. Welch was also Co-Big 12 Freshman of the Year  
\*Maria Villarroel, the Sooners' top returning scorer, spent the summer playing on the Venezuela National Team

### **Oklahoma State**

\*Despite losing four starters, OSU returns its leading scorer and rebounder in Trisha Skibbe  
\*OSU added three junior college All-Americans to its roster during the spring signing period, including first team selection Nina Stone  
\*The Cowgirls added much needed height during the offseason with 10 players on the roster checking in at 5-10 or taller.

### **Texas**

\*Texas returns four of five starters from last year's NCAA Final Four team which lost by two points to two-time defending champion Connecticut  
\*The Horns are defending Big 12 regular season and tournament champions  
\*UT was ranked No. 3 in the final USA Today/ESPN Poll, No. 5 in the AP, No. 7 in the WBCA/Summerville RPI ratings and No. 6 in strength of schedule  
\*UT returns 6 of 8 top scorers, its top 3 rebounders, and top 3 three-point shooters  
\*The Longhorns are led by Naismith National Coach of the Year finalist and Big 12 Coach of the Year Jody Conradt, the second women's basketball coach to surpass the 800-win milestone  
\*Texas averaged 5,998 in home attendance last year and drew over 7,000 three times, including 9,057 in the win over Tennessee

### **Texas A&M**

\*Gary Blair became Texas A&M's seventh head coach after serving the past 10 years at Arkansas. Blair has a 408-163 career record in 18 years. He has made 11 NCAA Tournament appearances including a trip to the 1998 Final Four  
\*Toccarra Williams needs 119 points to reach 1,000 for her career. She ranks No. 2 all-time at A&M and No. 3 all-time in the Big 12 with 532 assists. Williams ranks first at A&M and third in the Big 12 with 341 career steals. She is the Big 12's active steals and assists leader

### **Texas Tech**

\*The Lady Raiders return four starters off last year's Elite Eight squad.  
\*Tech recorded its 21st 20-win season (14th straight) last year and finished sixth in the final WBCA/Summerville RPI ratings  
\*Texas Tech ranked third in the nation and first in the Big 12 in home attendance with an average of 12,204 fans per game  
\*TTU has advanced to five straight Sweet 16s, earned 14 straight trips to the NCAA Tournament and 16 overall  
\*Tech has been ranked in the AP Poll every week in the seven years since the inception of the Big 12 Conference

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### RETURNEES

All stats from 2002-03 season unless noted  
2002-03 honors listed on page 27 of prospectus

#### Baylor

Steffanie Blackmon, P, 6-2, Jr, 17.6 ppg, 8.0 rpg  
Sophia Young, F, 6-1, So, 14.2 ppg, 10.0 rpg

#### Colorado

Tera Bjorklund, C, 6-5, Sr, 18.5 ppg, 6.8 rpg  
Kate Fagan, G, 5-9, Sr, 10.9 ppg, 3.0 rpg  
Randie Wirt, F, 6-2, Sr, 4.6 ppg, 4.1 rpg

#### Iowa State

Erica Junod, G, 5-7, Sr, 5.1 ppg, 3.6 rpg  
Anne O'Neil, G, 5-11, Jr, 10.0 ppg, 4.8 rpg  
Mary Fox, G/F, 6-0, Jr, 5.3 ppg, 6.1 rpg  
Lisa Kriener, F/C, 6-2, Jr, 9.8 ppg, 5.7 rpg

#### Kansas

Tamara Ransburg, F/C, 6-4, So, 10.9 ppg, 7.8 rpg  
Crystal Kemp, F/C, 6-2, So, 10.9 ppg, 5.8 rpg  
Aquanita Burras, G, 5-9, Jr, 10.5 ppg, 4.8 rpg  
Blair Waltz, G/F, 6-0, Jr, 7.5 ppg, 2.2 rpg  
Leila Mengüç, G, 5-6, Sr, 2.7 ppg, 2.2 rpg

#### Kansas State

Nicole Ohlde, F/C, 6-4, Sr, 18.4 ppg, 9.0 rpg  
Kendra Wecker, F, 5-11, Jr, 19.0 ppg, 8.3 rpg  
Laurie Koehn, G, 5-8, Jr, 13.2 ppg, 3.4 rpg  
Megan Mahoney, F/G, 6-0, Jr, 13.9 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 3.0 apg

#### Missouri

Evan Unrau, F, 6-1, Sr, 16.0 ppg, 7.7 rpg  
Stretch James, F, 6-2, Sr, 10.3 ppg, 5.6 rpg  
Tracy Lozier, G, 5-10, Sr, 9.2 ppg, 2.3 rpg

#### Nebraska

Alexa Johnson, F, 6-1, Sr, 14.8 ppg, 6.8 rpg  
Katie Morse, C, 6-4, Sr, 12.0 ppg, 7.9 rpg (before season-ending injury)  
Margaret Richards, G, 5-9, Sr, 11.4 ppg, 6.0 rpg  
Keasha Cannon, G, 5-10, Sr, 12.9 ppg, 8.4 rpg (2001-02 stats)

#### Oklahoma

Caton Hill, F, 6-1, Sr, 10.3 ppg, 9.5 rpg  
Chelsi Welch, G, 5-9, So, 12.1 ppg, 3.7 rpg

#### Oklahoma State

Trisha Skibbe, C, 6-2, Sr, 17.1 ppg, 8.0 rpg  
Lori Allen, G, 5-10, So, 4.5 ppg, 3.1 rpg

#### Texas

Jamie Carey, G, 5-6, Sr, 10.8 ppg, 1.4 rpg  
Stacy Stephens, F, 6-2, So, 14.4 ppg, 9.1 rpg  
Heather Schreiber, F, 6-2, So, 14.3 ppg, 8.2 rpg

#### Texas A&M

Toccarra Williams, G, 5-9, Sr, 12.3 ppg, 5.1 rpg  
Lynn Classen, P, 6-3, Sr, 9.0 ppg, 3.6 rpg  
Janae Derrick, F, 5-11, Sr, 7.6 ppg, 5.9 rpg

#### Texas Tech

Jia Perkins, G, 5-8, Sr, 15.9 ppg, 5.1 rpg  
Erin Grant, G, 5-8, So, 6.7 ppg, 3.5 rpg  
Jolee Ayers-Curry, F/C, 6-2, Sr, 4.2 ppg, 4.5 rpg  
Natalie Ritchie, G, 5-9, Sr, 8.8 ppg, 2.2 rpg

### NEWCOMERS

(any first year player other than a freshman)

#### Colorado

Whitney Law, G, 5-11, So, Littleton, Colo./Chatfield/Georgia  
Averaged 4.9 points and 2.7 rebounds at Georgia...As a high school senior averaged 18.3 points, 6.8 rebounds and 4.3 assists...A three-time member of the *Denver Post's* all-classification All-State team, garnering first team honors as a junior and senior. First team All-Jeffco League as a sophomore, junior and senior.

#### Kansas

LaRisha Graves, G/F, 5-8, Jr, Jackson, Miss./Yazoo County HS/SW Tennessee CC  
Averaged 15.7 points and 4.1 assists with 63 steals last year...TJCCAA All-Conference and All-TJCCAA West Division honors.

#### Oklahoma State

Elizangela Gomes, C, 6-4, Jr, Sao Paulo, Brazil/Eastern Oklahoma State College  
Averaged 18.7 points and 8.3 rebounds as a sophomore...Connected on 51 percent of her field goals and 72 percent of free throws...Second Team All-America and first team all-conference...Region II MVP...Rated No. 8 junior college center prospect by the ASGR.

#### Texas A&M

Erica Roy, G, 5-8, So, Little Rock, Ark./McClellan HS/Ark.-Forth Smith  
Averaged 15 points, 7.8 rebounds and 4 steals as a freshman at UA-Fort Smith...Earned all-conference and all-region honors on the team that went 26-2 and was ranked as high as No. 3 nationally...Two-time All-State selection at McClellan HS where she averaged 16 points, 7 rebounds, 4 steals and 3 assists as a senior.

### FRESHMEN

#### Baylor

Emily Niemann, F, 6-1, Houston, Texas/Westbury Christian  
Averaged 25 points and 12 rebounds as a junior while leading WC to its third straight TAPPS Class 3A state championship...*Street & Smith's* honorable mention All-America in 2001 and 2002...TAPPS 3A All-State first team in 2001 and 2002, along with all-district and all-metro honors...Attended 2001 adidas Top 10 Camp and made underclass All-Star team...Brother Jeff Neimann of Rice helped pitch Owls to 2003 NCAA baseball title.

#### Colorado

Emily Waner, G, 5-8, Highlands Ranch, Colo./ThunderRidge  
Averaged 15 points, 5.9 assists, 3.4 steals and 3.5 rebounds as a junior...Rocky Mountain News All-Colorado selection last year after team advanced to state semifinals...First Team All-State by the Rocky Mountain News, honorable mention All-State by the Denver Post, first team All-Continental League and a 2002 Street & Smith's Honorable Mention All-American...Participated in the 2002 adidas All-America Camp, USA Basketball Olympic Development Festival, "The Show" All-Star Game and was named the TRHS Hoopster of the Year.

#### Iowa State

Lyndsey Medders, G, 5-9, Oak Park, Calif./Oak Park  
Averaged 17.2 points and 3.7 steals as a junior...Three-year starter and two-time adidas All-American...First team all-area and all-region selection and league MVP...Ranked 11<sup>th</sup> best point guard in the nation by All-Star Girls Report.

#### Megan Ronhovde, G/F, 6-1, Barrett, Minn./West Central Area

Averaged 17.7 points and 9.2 rebounds as a junior...Three-time all-conference and conference MVP last season...Named to the Minnesota Coaches Association All-State team last season...Listed on Minnesota Basketball News "Fab Five" players list.

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#### **Kansas**

Lauren Ervin, F/C, 6-3, Inglewood, Calif./Inglewood

Ranked nationally No. 2 by All Game Sports and Blue Star and No. 6 by ASGR...Nike All-America Camp (2000, 2002), adidas Top Ten Camp Underclass All-Star (2001), *Street & Smith's* All-America second team (2002) and fifth team (2001)...Student Sports Sophomore All-America, *USA Today* Sophomore All-America and AAU 16U All-America (2001)...USA Youth Development Festival West Team, Showtime Nationals All-America (2002), CIF III-A Player of the Year, Cal-Hi Sports State Sophomore of the Year and all-area first team...Sat out last year due to transfer rules after playing two seasons at Bishop Montgomery High School.

#### **Kansas State**

Shanda Murdoch, F, 6-2, Oklahoma City, Okla./Westmoore

Averaged 15.3 points, 10.5 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 2.5 blocks as a junior while shooting 48.1 percent from the field during her prep career at Westmoore and Tuttle high schools...Helped Westmoore to the Class 6A state title last year...State tournament MVP...Student Sports Junior All-American and *Street & Smith's* honorable mention All-America.

Claire Coggins, G/F, 5-11, Lee's Summit, Mo./Lee's Summit North

Averaged 17.2 points as a junior while leading team to Class 4A state championship...Two-time *Street & Smith's* honorable mention All-America, *USA Today* Player to Watch in Missouri in 2001-02 and ranked No. 80 by the All-Star Girls Report...First-team All-State twice, second team once, three *Kansas City Star* All-Metro teams, two all-area, three all-district and two all-conference first teams.

#### **Missouri**

Carlynn Savant, F, 6-1, Euless, Texas/Trinity

Averaged 20.4 points and 9.6 rebounds as a junior...Two-time Player of the Year for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* Northeast area...TABC Class 5A first team...adidas Top Ten Camp Upperclass All-Star...Participated in USA Basketball's Women's Youth Development Festival as one of the nation's top 48 rising prep senior.

EeTisha Riddle, F, 6-3, O'Fallon, Ill./O'Fallon

Averaged 20.2 points and 11 rebounds as a junior...Also had 94 blocks and was an 85 percent free throw shooter...Two-time *Belleville News-Democrat* first team all-conference and all-area performer...All-State honorable mention by *Chicago Tribune* and second team All-State by *Champaign News-Gazette*.

#### **Nebraska**

Chelsea Aubry, F, 6-2, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada/  
Grand River Collegiate Institute

NU's first women's basketball player in school history from Canada...Member of the Canadian National Team who played in World Under-20 Women's Qualifying Tournament last July...Helped high school team to a 26-7 record last season...Junior and Senior Athlete of the Year...Selected one of top five high school players in Ontario...Attended the Nike All-Canada Camp in Toronto in October.

Heather Kephart, G, 5-8, Canute, Okla./Canute

Averaged 30.1 points as a junior and 24.6 during her career...Amassed 2,144 points in 87 career games as a three-year starter...Connected on 87 career three-pointers while knocking down 42 percent of her attempts...570 points shy of Oklahoma's all-time state scoring record of 2,714 points...Has scored 15 or more points in 82 of her 87 games, including a career-high 45 last season...Led high school team to state runnerup in Class B last season...Also earned AAU 16- and -under All-America honors.

#### **Oklahoma**

Leah Rush, F/C, 6-1, Amarillo, Texas/Amarillo

Averaged 17 points and 13.5 rebounds as a junior...Preseason *Street & Smith's* All-America honorable mention pick...Ranked as fourth-best power forward and 36<sup>th</sup> best overall player by ASGR...All-State, Texas

Sports Writers and TABC All-State honors...MVP of District 3-5A and 2002 Global News Super Team...Invited to 2002 Nike All-America camp and USA Basketball Youth Development Festival.

Erin Higgins, G, 5-9, RSFr, Oklahoma City, Okla./Westmoore

A redshirt freshman who played in three games last year before tearing her ACL...Averaged 10.0 ppg and 1.3 rpg prior to injury.

#### **Oklahoma State**

Destanie Sykes, F, Dunanville, Texas/Duncanville

Averaged 11.4 points and 5.1 rebounds as a junior...Helped lead DHS to a 61-9 record over last two seasons...All-district and district defensive player of the year last year...District newcomer of the year as a sophomore.

#### **Texas**

Tiffany Jackson, F, 6-3, Dallas, Texas/Duncanville

Consensus First Team All-American as a senior when she averaged 16.7 points, 6.4 rebounds, and 3.2 steals...Named to elite 2003 McDonald's All-America Team and WBCA/Nike All-America Team...Played in both the WBCA/Nike HS All-America Game and McDonald's All-America Game in April 2003...Parade Magazine First Team All-America...First Team All-State and Texas Class 5A MVP after leading Duncanville HS to Texas Class 5A title...*Dallas Morning News* Girls Basketball Player of the Year...Played on the Basketball Congress International (BCI) National Championship team in summer of 2002.

#### **Texas A&M**

Jennifer Wilks, F, 6-0, Frankston, Texas/Frankston

Led East Texas in scoring last year while averaging 26.8 points, 8.3 rebounds, 5.8 assists and 4.8 steals...2A First Team All-State by TABC, TSA and TGCA...All-East Texas MVP for all classifications by *Tyler Morning Telegraph*...MVP for District 20-2A...Led her team to the Class 2A State Championship with a 26-8 record.

#### **Texas Tech**

Brooke Baughman, G, 5-10, Canyon, Texas/Canyon

Averaged 15.9 points, 5.1 assists, 5.0 rebounds and 3.8 steals as a junior...First Team All-State by TGCA, TABC and the Texas Sports Writers Association...First team all-region and all-district who helped her team to a 31-2 record last year and regional runnerup...MVP of the Frenship Classic...Honorable Mention All-America by *Street & Smith's*...Ranked 147<sup>th</sup> by ASGR.

Alesha Robertson, G, 6-0, Plainview, Texas/Plainview

Averaged 18.3 points and 8.5 rebounds as a junior...First Team All-State by the TABC and Texas Sports Writers Association Player of the Year last season...All-district and all-region...*Amarillo Globe-News* Super Team Player of the Year, the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* Super Team Co-Player of the Year and MVP of the regional and state tournament MVP...Ranked 29<sup>th</sup> by ASGR and Preseason Women's Basketball Magazine All-America Top 10...Led PHS to last two state championships.