

All-Big 12 women's basketball team

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Chosen by Staff Writer Rachel Cohen, in consultation with SportsDay staffers

Player of the year: Courtney Paris, Oklahoma

A freshman winning player of the year? It's just the latest unprecedented feat for the 6-4 center.

Paris was second in the Big 12 in scoring (20.9) and first in rebounding (14.8), blocks (3.3) and field goal percentage (.607).

With her addition, the Sooners improved from 8-8 in conference play to 16-0. Paris has posted 22 straight double-doubles.

Coach of the year: Sherri Coale, Oklahoma

The Sooners, picked to finish fourth before the season, became the first women's squad in Big 12 history to go 16-0 in conference play. OU found the perfect balance of a dominating newcomer and poised teammates willing to take big shots.

Freshman of the year: Kelsey Griffin, Nebraska

The 6-2 forward from Alaska was second behind Paris among Big 12 freshmen in scoring with 13.6 points per game on 54.9 percent shooting. Griffin also averaged 6.1 rebounds.

FIRST TEAM

G Lyndsey Medders

Iowa State; 5-9 junior

Led Big 12 in assists (7.6 per game) and increased scoring average from 9.7 to 17.0.

G LaToya Bond

Missouri; 5-7 senior

Averaged 17.5 points on 51.5 percent shooting to lead one of Big 12's surprise squads.

F Sophia Young

Baylor; 6-1 senior

Stats only improved after brilliant junior season: 21.7 points, 9.9 rebounds, 2.2 assists, 2.2 steals.

F LaToya Davis

Texas Tech; 6-1 senior

Progressed from productive role player to go-to scorer with 19.2 points, 10.8 rebounds.

C Courtney Paris

Oklahoma; 6-4 freshman

Broke NCAA freshman rebounding record with 445.

SECOND TEAM

Player	School	Pos.	Cl.	Notable
Erin Grant	Texas Tech	G	Sr.	12.0 pts., 6.4 assts.
Kiera Hardy	Nebraska	G	Jr.	17.3 pts., 1.9 steals
Tiffany Jackson	Texas	F	Jr.	14.2 pts., 8.8 rbs.
Crystal Kemp	Kansas	F	Sr.	19.0 pts., 8.3 rbs.
C'stelle N'Garsanet	Missouri	C	Sr.	13.8 pts., 8.9 rbs.

ALL-NEWCOMER TEAM

Player	School	Pos.	Cl.	Notable
Shalee Lehning	Kansas St.	G	Fr.	6.1 rebounds, 5.3 assists
Erika Arriaran	Texas	G	Fr.	11.3 points per game
Takia Starks	Texas A&M	G	Fr.	Aggies' 2nd-leading scorer
Shaunte Smith	Oklahoma St.	F	Fr.	10.8 points, 6.7 rebounds
Whitney Pegram	Oklahoma St.	C	Jr.	14.3 points per game

ALL-IMPROVED TEAM

Player	School	Pos.	Cl.	Notable
Angela Tisdale	Baylor	G	So.	Smooth move to starting point guard
Twiggy McIntyre	Kansas St.	G	Jr.	Increased ppg from 4.7 to 10.8
Chelsi Welch	Oklahoma	G	Jr.	Second year back from knee injury
Jackie McFarland	Colorado	F	So.	From 10.2 ppg, 6.4 rpg to 17.4, 9.3
Brittany Wilkins	Iowa St.	C	Sr.	From 4.2 ppg, 1.8 rpg to 15.1, 8.8

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