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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## ▶ OKLAHOMA QUICK FACTS

**Location:** Norman, Okla.  
**Founded:** 1890  
**Enrollment:** 30,092  
**Nickname:** Sooners  
**Colors:** Crimson and Cream  
**Conference:** Big 12 (South)  
**Arena:** Lloyd Noble Center (12,000)  
**President:** David L. Boren  
**Athletics Director:** Joe Castiglione  
**First Year of Basketball:** 1907-08  
**All-Time Record:** 1,498-942 (.614)  
**NCAA Tournament Appearances:** 26  
**Final Four Appearances:** 4 (1939, 1947, 1988, 2002)  
**NIT Appearances:** 7  
**Regular Season Conference Titles:** 14 (1928, 1929, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1944, 1947, 1949, 1979, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 2005)  
**Conference Tournament Titles:** 7 (1979, 1985, 1988, 1990, 2001, 2002, 2003)  
**2008-09 Record:** 30-6 overall  
**Big 12 Record:** 13-3 (second place)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 8/5  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 2/3  
**Returning Scoring:** 42 percent  
**Returning Rebounding:** 29 percent  
**Returning Assists:** 40 percent

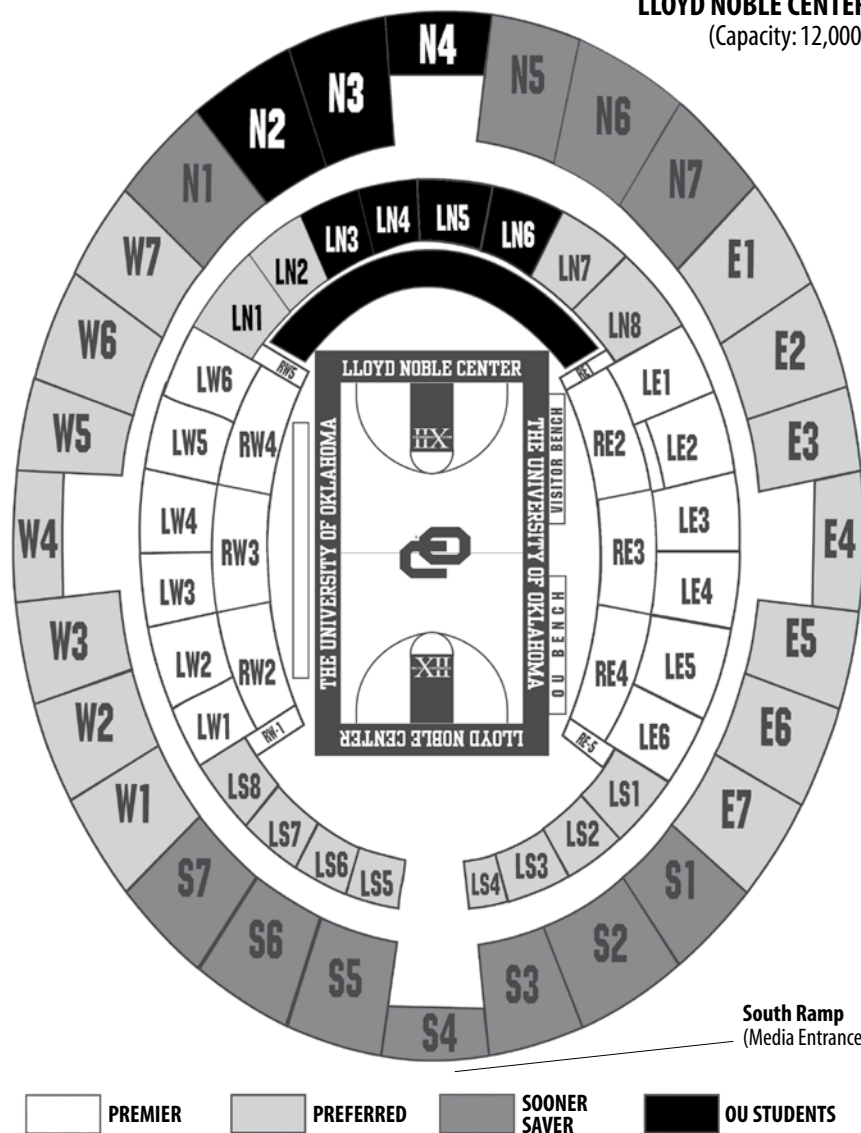
## ▶ BASKETBALL STAFF

**Head Coach:** Jeff Capel  
**Alma Mater:** Duke '97  
**Record at Oklahoma:** 69-33 (3 years)  
**Career Record:** 148-74 (7 years)  
**Career NCAA Tournament Appearances:** 3  
**Career NIT Appearances:** 1  
**Assistant Coaches:** Ben Betts (Roanoke College '90), Mark Cline (Wake Forest '88), Oronde Taliaferro (Wayne State '94)  
**Director of Basketball Operations:** Bryan Goodman (Barat College '96)  
**Trainer:** Alex Brown  
**Team Physician:** Dr. Brock Schnebel  
**Strength and Conditioning Coach:** Jozsef Szendrei  
**Assistant Strength Coach:** Kellen Sampson  
**Video Coordinator:** Dionne Phelps  
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**Assistant Box Office Manager:** David White

## LLOYD NOBLE CENTER (Capacity: 12,000)



THE PREVIEW



▶ From left: Director of Operations **Bryan Goodman**, Assistant Coach **Oronde Taliaferro**, Head Coach **Jeff Capel** and Assistant Coaches **Mark Cline** and **Ben Betts**



SCHEDULE

THE PREVIEW

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TV
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA (EXHIBITION)</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov. 14</b>	<b>MOUNT ST. MARY'S</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov. 17</b>	<b>LOUISIANA-MONROE</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>SSN</b>
Saturday	Nov. 21	at VCU	Richmond, Va.	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	Nov. 25	# vs. San Diego	Anchorage, Alaska	12:45 a.m.	
Thursday	Nov. 26	# vs. Houston	Anchorage, Alaska	10:30 p.m.	
Saturday	Nov. 28	# vs. Alaska Anchorage, Nicholls State or Washington State	Anchorage, Alaska	TBD	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>ARKANSAS</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>SSN</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>\$ ARIZONA</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>ESPNU</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>CENTENARY</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>SSN</b>
Saturday	Dec. 12	at Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	3 p.m.	Versus
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>NORTHERN COLORADO</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>SSN</b>
Monday	Dec. 21	% vs. UTEP	Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Thursday	Dec. 31	& at Gonzaga	Spokane, Wash.	9 p.m.	ESPN2
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan. 4</b>	<b>MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>SSN</b>
Saturday	Jan. 9	at Baylor	Waco, Texas	5 p.m.	Big 12
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan. 11</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA STATE</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>8 p.m.</b>	<b>ESPN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 16</b>	<b>MISSOURI</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>ESPN2</b>
Tuesday	Jan. 19	at Texas A&M	College Station, Texas	7 p.m.	Big 12
Saturday	Jan. 23	at Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	7 p.m.	SSN
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 27</b>	<b>IOWA STATE</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>8 p.m.</b>	<b>Big 12</b>
Saturday	Jan. 30	at Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	12:30 p.m.	Big 12
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 6</b>	<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>	<b>ESPN</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>TEXAS TECH</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Big 12</b>
Saturday	Feb. 13	at Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	1 p.m.	ESPN
Wednesday	Feb. 17	at Colorado	Boulder, Colo.	8 p.m.	ESPNU
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 20</b>	<b>KANSAS STATE</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>ESPNU</b>
Monday	Feb. 22	at Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	8 p.m.	ESPN
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 27</b>	<b>BAYLOR</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Big 12</b>
Monday	March 1	at Texas	Austin, Texas	8 p.m.	ESPN
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 6</b>	<b>TEXAS A&amp;M</b>	<b>NORMAN</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>ESPN</b>
Wed.-Sat.	March 10-13	at Big 12 Championship	Kansas City, Mo.	TBD	Big12/ESPN

# Great Alaska Shootout (Anchorage, Alaska)  
 \$ Big 12/Pac-10 Hardwood Series  
 % All-College Classic (Oklahoma City, Okla.)  
 & at Spokane Arena

Dates and times are subject to change.  
 All times are CST.  
 Home games are denoted by **BOLD ALL CAPS**.  
 Big 12 indicates a Big 12 Network regional telecast.  
 SSN indicates Sooner Sports Network.

**2010 NCAA TOURNAMENT DATES AND SITES**

**FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS**

**March 18 & 20:** New Orleans Arena (New Orleans, La.), Ford Center (Oklahoma City, Okla.); Dunkin Donuts Center (Providence, R.I.), HP Pavilion (San Jose, Ca.)  
**March 19 & 21:** HSBC Arena (Buffalo, N.Y.), Jacksonville Veterans Memoria Arena (Jacksonville, Fla.), Bradley Center (Milwaukee, Wis.), Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena (Spokane, Wash.)

**REGIONALS**

**March 25 & 27:** Carrier Dome (Syracuse, N.Y.), Energy Solutions Arena (Salt Lake City, Utah)  
**March 26 & 28:** Edward Jones Dome (St. Louis, Mo.), Reliant Stadium (Houston, Texas)

**FINAL FOUR**

**April 3 & 5:** Lucas Oil Stadium (Indianapolis, Ind.)



## PHOTO ROSTER



▶1 RYAN WRIGHT  
6-9, 241, Sr., Forward  
Mississauga, Ontario



▶2 STEVEN PLEDGER  
6-4, 217, Fr., Guard  
Chesapeake, Va.



▶3 T.J. FRANKLIN  
5-11, 166, So., Guard  
Fort Worth, Texas



▶4 ANDREW FITZGERALD  
6-8, 258, Fr., Forward  
Baltimore, Md.



▶5 TONY CROCKER  
6-6, 209, Sr., Guard  
San Antonio, Texas



▶11 TOMMY MASON-GRIFFIN  
5-11, 203, Fr., Guard  
Houston, Texas



▶13 WILLIE WARREN  
6-4, 203, So., Guard  
Fort Worth, Texas



▶15 BARRY HONORÉ  
6-7, 268, Jr., Forward  
Garland, Texas



▶21 ORLANDO ALLEN  
6-10, 290, Jr., Center  
Cincinnati, Ohio



▶22 RYAN RANDOLPH  
6-4, 194, Fr., Guard  
Oklahoma City, Okla.



▶24 TINY GALLON  
6-9, 296, Fr., Forward  
Vallejo, Calif.



▶25 KYLE HARDRICK  
6-8, 229, Fr., Forward  
Oklahoma City, Okla.



▶34 CADE DAVIS  
6-5, 199, Jr., Guard  
Elk City, Okla.



▶41 RAY WILLIS  
6-6, 164, So., Guard  
Atlanta, Ga.



▶45 BEAU GERBER  
6-8, 230, Sr., Forward  
Winfield, Kan.



▶JEFF CAPEL  
Head Coach  
Fourth Year at OU



▶BEN BETTS  
Assistant Coach  
Fourth Year at OU



▶MARK CLINE  
Assistant Coach  
Fourth Year at OU



▶ORONDE TALIAFERRO  
Assistant Coach  
Third Year at OU



▶BRYAN GOODMAN  
Director of Operations  
Fourth Year at OU

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No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (Last School)
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2	Steven Pledger	G	Fr.	6-4	217	Chesapeake, Va. (Atlantic Shores Christian School)
3	T.J. Franklin*	G	So.	5-11	166	Fort Worth, Texas (North Crowley HS)
4	Andrew Fitzgerald	F	Fr.	6-8	258	Baltimore, Md. (Brewster Academy [N.H.])
5	Tony Crocker***	G	Sr.	6-6	209	San Antonio, Texas (The Patterson School [N.C.])
11	Tommy Mason-Griffin	G	Fr.	5-11	203	Houston, Texas (James Madison HS)
13	Willie Warren*	G	So.	6-4	203	Fort Worth, Texas (North Crowley HS)
15	Barry Honoré #	F	Jr.	6-7	268	Garland, Texas (Southern University)
21	Orlando Allen*	C	Jr.	6-10	290	Cincinnati, Ohio (Paris [TX] JC)
22	Ryan Randolph	G	Fr.	6-4	194	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Bishop McGuinness HS)
24	Tiny Gallon	F	Fr.	6-9	296	Vallejo, Calif. (Oak Hill Academy [Va.])
25	Kyle Hardrick	F	Fr.	6-8	229	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City HS)
34	Cade Davis**	G	Jr.	6-5	199	Elk City, Okla. (Elk City HS)
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**Director of Operations:** Bryan Goodman (Barat College '96), Fourth Year at Oklahoma

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Barry Honoré: on-o-RAY

Oronde Taliaferro: o-RON-day tal-uh-FAIR-o

\* Letters earned at Oklahoma

# Will sit out 2009-10 season due to NCAA transfer rules

# SEASON OUTLOOK



Sooners return starting guards Warren, Crocker; add strong recruiting class that features pair of McDonald's All-Americans

THE PREVIEW

Oklahoma head coach **Jeff Capel** is fully aware his 2009-10 team will have to overcome major losses from last year's 30-6 squad that reached the NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight and was ranked as high as No. 2 in the country for three weeks in February.

First, there's the glaring departure of forward **Blake Griffin** and his 22.7 points and 14.4 rebounds a game. The consensus national player of the year and eventual No. 1 overall NBA Draft pick had one of the best individual seasons in school history, producing consistent numbers not seen by OU fans since the late **Wayman Tisdale** some 25 years ago.

On top of that, Capel said goodbye to point guard **Austin Johnson** and forward **Taylor Griffin**, seniors who started every game last year. Taylor Griffin was the team's second-leading rebounder and third-leading scorer, while Johnson paced the Sooners in assists and ranked fifth in scoring. The pair also shared the team lead in steals.

"It's going to be tough to replace that production," said Capel, who has the most wins (69) and the highest winning percentage (.676) in OU history through the first three years of tenure. "That trio provided so much for us in so many different areas. Obviously people will remember Blake with his scoring and rebounding, but we lost a lot of leadership with those guys, a lot of experience and a lot of intangibles."

So does all of that mean that Capel has tempered his enthusiasm for his fourth season in Norman?

Hardly.

The return of major scoring threats on the perimeter and the signing of what some analysts consider a top-five

national recruiting class has Capel anxious for October and the start of practice.

"One of the many things I'm excited about is that we have talent coming back and we have some talented new guys coming in," he said. "We're going to be awfully young, but we definitely do have some ability."

"Our focus initially is going to be how to develop that talent, how to make us better. Then it will be how to mesh all the different parts together. Our players are going to have to understand how much they need each other."

#### ► BACKCOURT

**Willie Warren** (6-4, 203, So., Guard)

**Tony Crocker** (6-6, 209, Sr., Guard)

**Cade Davis** (6-5, 199, Jr., Guard)

**Ray Willis** (6-6, 164, So., Guard)

**Tommy Mason-Griffin** (5-11, 203, Fr., Guard)

**Steven Pledger** (6-4, 217, Fr., Guard)

**T.J. Franklin** (5-11, 166, So., Guard)

**Ryan Randolph** (6-4, 194, Fr., Guard)

On paper, Oklahoma's strength in 2009-10 will be its guard play. Two returning starters, three returning reserves and a highly touted crop of freshmen should give the Sooners one of the best backcourts in the Big 12 Conference, if not the country.

Leading the way for OU's guards will be sophomore All-America candidate **Willie Warren** and senior all-conference possibility **Tony Crocker**. The pair, who combined for 70 starts last year, has shown an ability to score in bunches. Warren recorded seven games of at least 20 points as a freshman (including two of at least

30 points), while Crocker has scored at least 20 points nine times over the past two seasons.

The Sporting News' Preseason National Player of the Year, Warren is a 6-4, 203-pound combo guard who last season swept Big 12 Freshman of the Year voting after averaging 14.6 points and 3.1 assists per game. Named national freshman of the year by Athlon Sports, he shot .473 from the field and a team-high .372 from behind the arc while setting a school freshman record with 67 3-pointers. He was a seven-time Big 12 Rookie of the Week (one shy of the league record) and started all but two contests.

"Willie wants to be great," remarked Capel. "He's incredibly blessed and gifted. The things that he went through last year and his experiences will help him. I think he has a better understanding of how long a season is and how to prepare for one. I think he has the chance to be one of the premier players in the country. Actually, I already think he is, but now he'll have the chance to show all of the things he can do."

"My challenge to Willie has more to do with leadership — the way he carries himself with everything, challenging teammates in a positive way and things of that nature. I think he has the capability to be a great player AND a great leader."

Crocker, who has already amassed 1,008 career points, has a legitimate chance to finish as one of OU's top 15 all-time scorers. The 6-6, 209-pound wing has started 95 of his 102 games, including all 36 last season when he averaged 9.6 points, 3.2 rebounds and 1.4 assists. He made 59 treys on the year (shot .349) and canned at least five 3-pointers on five occasions. According to Capel, Crocker, who netted a career-high 28 points against Syracuse in the Sweet 16 last March, can have a stellar senior campaign if he improves his consistency.



SEASON OUTLOOK

"At times he's been really good and at times he hasn't been quite as good," said Capel. "I'm a firm believer that if you work consistently that you'll have a better chance of becoming a more consistent player."

"Tony has a lot of experience and has seen it all, from his first year when we weren't as good to the last two years when we were much better. He grew up dreaming about playing for the University of Oklahoma and he's lived that dream. I certainly hope that he has a really good senior year and that we have a really good season for him. I hope that he takes ownership and has pride in making this a special season with it being his last go around."

**Cade Davis** is another veteran guard with the ability to knock down the 3-point shot. The 6-5, 198-pounder, who averaged 4.7 points in 14.6 minutes per outing last year as a sophomore, is probably best known for launching high-arching, long-distance bombs (he made 40 treys last year on .345 shooting). But Davis continues to work on his overall game, including the mental aspect. Capel thinks he needs to exhibit more consistency and confidence.

"Cade had a really good year for us and was absolutely fantastic in certain games," said the OU boss. "But I'd like to see more of those performances. One of the challenges for him is to turn games into practice. A lot of times in practice, Cade doesn't miss many shots. I think at times he's gotten nervous in games or felt pressure. We need to help him figure out how to turn games into those practices when he doesn't have a conscience as far as taking good shots. He needs to play with that kind of swagger all the time."

Sophomore **Ray Willis** also returns from OU's second-place Big 12 squad. A top-100 national recruit out of

high school, the 6-6, 164-pound wing battled occasional off-the-court issues last year, including an August incident that left him with a partially collapsed lung. Willis showed promise in his 16 appearances, however, averaging 3.3 points and 1.4 rebounds in 6.4 minutes a game (that equates to 20.6 points and 8.9 rebounds per 40 minutes). He has a scorer's mentality.

"Ray worked really hard over spring and summer. He's desperately trying to put on weight and he's done a good job of being a willing listener and learner. He's not afraid of work, he wants to be good and he certainly has some of the tools to do that. The big things with him are strength, gaining game experience and competing the right way all the time. If he can do those things, he can have a really positive influence on our team."

Expected to deliver energy and a bit of flash to the point guard spot is freshman **Tommy Mason-Griffin**. One of two incoming McDonald's All-Americans, the 5-11, 203-pounder will be Capel's first true point guard at OU to see major minutes. Lightning quick and with the ability to set up teammates or score on his own, Mason-Griffin can hurt opponents in a variety of ways. He averaged 22.8 points, 5.3 assists, 4.4 rebounds and 3.7 steals per game as a high school senior and will challenge for a starting role.

"He's THE guy we wanted," said Capel of Mason-Griffin and the point guard spot. "He's played the position his whole life. He can really pass, he can really penetrate and he can really shoot. I saw him score 49 points and hit 11 3-pointers in a high school game last year. He was a McDonald's All-American for a reason. We think he has the chance to really impact this team."

**Steven Pledger** is another guard who's expected to create waves as a freshman. Less heralded nationally than Mason-Griffin, Pledger was still a top-100 recruit who last year averaged 21.5 points and shot .491 from 3-point range. He enters college with a reputation as a shooter, but with the ability to also put the ball on the floor and a desire to thrive on defense, Capel considers him an all-around player who will push for playing time.

"I knew Steven was good when we recruited him," began Capel of the 6-4, 217-pounder, "and that's been confirmed by some of our players who have told me this summer that they love playing with him. He has a really good feel for the game and he can shoot. He's a confident shooter. Because of that, sometimes people forget that he can put the ball on the floor and make some plays. Defensively, he has a sense of pride in guarding his guy and he has an understanding of how to do it. He has a very bright future."

Rounding out the backcourt are a pair of walk-ons in sophomore **T.J. Franklin** and freshman **Ryan Randolph**. At 5-11 and 166 pounds, Franklin is a pedal-to-the-metal point guard who saw action in 12 games last year. Capel said he appreciates his daily effort and reliability, and expects to feel the same way about the 6-4, 194-pound Randolph.

"I love T.J., how hard he works and what he provides our team in practice. He's a guy who's really gotten better, and I don't think that's a surprise because he probably works as hard as anyone in this program. I can depend



► **Tony Crocker** enters his senior year ranked 34th in Oklahoma history with 1,008 points.

on T.J. and I trust him. I trust putting him in a game. He can be a spark plug.

"Ryan's also a great kid, a hard worker and a good player. He comes from a great family and a great high school program. He's been well coached. We've been lucky with the walk-ons we've had over the years and he fits right in with those guys."

► **FRONTCOURT**

**Ryan Wright** (6-9, 241, Sr., Forward)

**Orlando Allen** (6-10, 290, Jr., Center)

**Beau Gerber** (6-8, 230, Sr., Forward)

**Tiny Gallon** (6-9, 296, Fr., Forward)

**Andrew Fitzgerald** (6-8, 258, Fr., Forward)

**Kyle Hardrick** (6-8, 229, Fr., Forward)

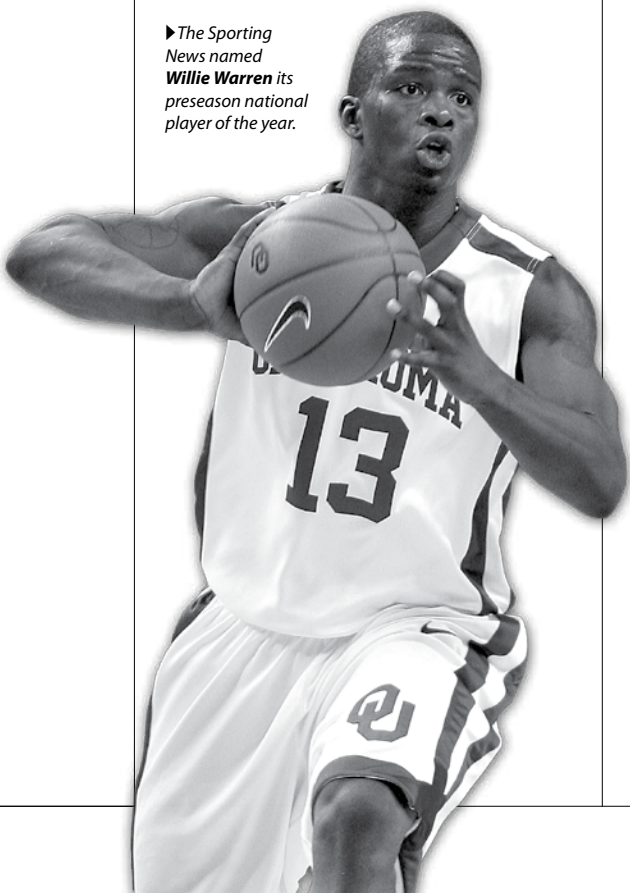
The Sooners' frontcourt lacks the experience and depth of the backcourt, but is not without capable producers.

The most veteran of a group of six players who will try to fill the void left by the Griffin brothers is senior forward **Ryan Wright**. A backup in all but one game last year (he started in place of an injured Blake Griffin against Kansas), the chiseled 6-9, 241-pound Wright is hungry to make his final collegiate season one filled with playing time and impact. Last year, Wright, who spent his freshman and sophomore seasons at UCLA after garnering top-100 status out of high school, averaged 1.8 points and 2.1 rebounds in 8.1 minutes per contest.

"I think Ryan's going to have a good year for us," said Capel. "Because he hadn't really played basketball in three years — he played sparingly in his two years at UCLA and then sat out a year after transferring — I think last year was maybe a little tough. At times he showed signs of being really good, especially when he had op-

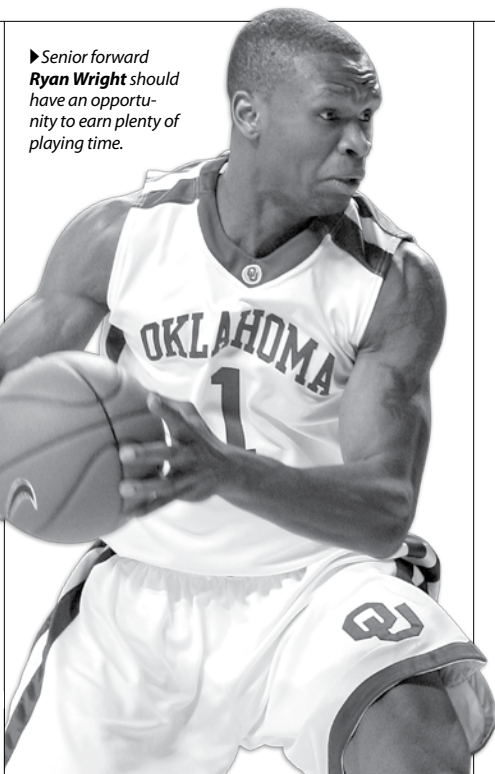
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► *The Sporting News* named **Willie Warren** its preseason national player of the year.



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► Senior forward **Ryan Wright** should have an opportunity to earn plenty of playing time.



opportunities to play extended minutes. He's going to have the opportunity to earn a lot of playing time.

"He's an older guy, a leader. We don't have anyone who works harder or who wants it more. Because of that, I'm cheering for him to have a great year."

Another returning reserve is junior **Orlando Allen**. The tallest player on the team at 6-10, Allen played sparingly last season after sitting out his sophomore year of junior college due to injury. In 19 games last year, he played an average of 4.6 minutes and contributed 1.8 points per outing on .577 field goal shooting. Playing time is expected to be a reward for the hard-working post man.

"Orlando really improved over the course of last season," remarked Capel. "I think that improvement is still ongoing, as he reportedly had as good a summer as anyone. He's changed his body and he's gotten better. Like Ryan Wright, he benefited from playing against Blake and Taylor every day last year. One thing about Orlando is that he's not afraid to work. And he's as good a teammate we have as far as being there for everyone, supporting them and encouraging them. I think he's going to really help us this year."

The lone remaining veteran is senior and former walk-on **Beau Gerber**. Now on scholarship, the 6-8, 230-pound Gerber has personified sacrifice, working hard in practice for a shot at minimal playing time on game day. According to Capel, that court time could increase this year.

"Beau is one of my favorite players that I've ever coached. You talk about the epitome of a leader, a person being selfless — that's him. If our players were in a foxhole and they got to choose three teammates to do battle with them, every one of them would pick Beau. You can depend on him. And he's become a good basketball player. I won't be afraid to put Beau in games this year because he knows everything he's supposed to do."

Capel hopes a trio of freshmen will help soften the blow of losing the Griffin brothers. Chief among the newcomers is 6-9, 300-pound forward **Tiny Gallon**. A McDonald's All-American who was last year's Gatorade Virginia Player of the Year at national runner-up Oak Hill Academy, Gallon averaged 16.0 points and 10.3 rebounds while shooting .591 from the floor. He was rated the nation's No. 9 overall recruit (No. 2 center) by Rivals.com. Plain and simple, he is one of the most highly regarded signees in school history.

Said Capel, "Tiny's a legit 6-9, has more than a seven-foot wingspan and is incredibly skilled with a unique set of gifts. He's not as athletic as Blake, but he's athletic. He can really pass the ball and he can shoot it. He has to allow himself to get better, allow himself to be coached and to be a great listener and a hard worker. I think he's going to do that and I think he's going to be very, very good for us."

**Andrew Fitzgerald** represents another skilled big body down low. Ranked No. 68 nationally by ESPN.com and No. 70 by Rivals.com, the 6-8, 258-pounder is a bruiser in the paint who also possesses the ability to hit the mid-range jumper with consistency. Fitzgerald averaged 22.5 points and 8.0 rebounds per game last year at Brewster (N.H.) Academy and earned first-team national prep school All-America honors. He also played in the Reebok All-American Game in April.

"All of our freshmen, and Andrew is one specifically, need to get into great shape," said Capel. "He's about 6-8, has over a seven-foot wingspan and can really shoot the ball out to about 15 feet. He's not going to out-athlete you, he's just going to outwork you and he's going to bang on you. He's physical. Andrew's going to have to get adjusted to the speed of the game and understand how hard you have to work and the importance of every possession. He has a chance to be a good one for us."

Another incoming freshman forward, **Kyle Hardrick** committed to OU almost immediately after Capel's arrival in 2006. Hardrick, who is 6-8 and weighs 229 pounds, won a class 6A Oklahoma state title last year at Putnam

City High School when he averaged a double-double (10.3 points and 10.1 rebounds per contest). His skill set and feel for the game are a plus, but the fact he wasn't with the team during summer training will mean he'll have some catching up to do.

Said Capel, "Kyle's been a part of the Sooner family for a while now. He gives us a big body. I think he's going to continue to grow into his body and get stronger. As a basketball player, he can really do some things, including shoot the ball out to about 15 feet. He wasn't able to go through our summer program, so he came in a little bit behind. But down the road he could really help us."

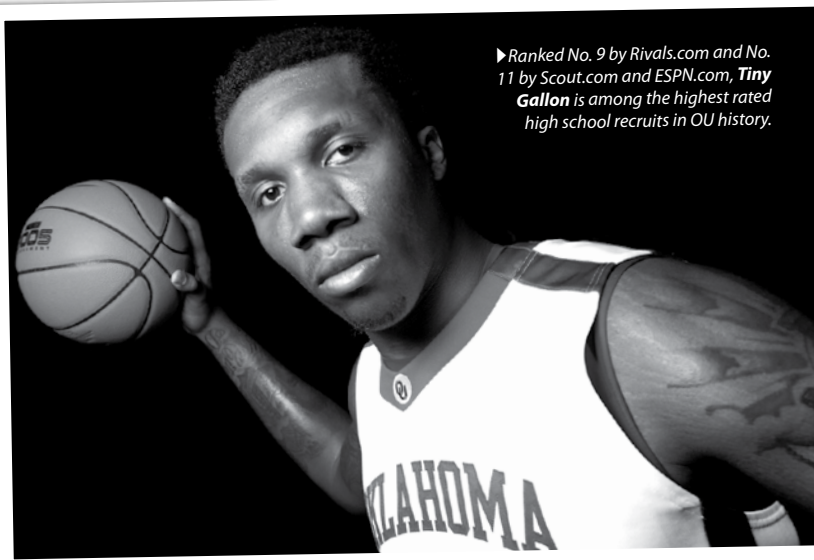
## SUMMARY

Thirty-win seasons are difficult to improve upon, and with the loss of the national player of the year and two other starters, the Sooners may not accomplish the feat. But pairing an extremely strong backcourt with some capable big men should most certainly give OU confidence as it attacks another staunch schedule.

The squad's ultimate success depends on a variety of factors including health and development. Also, says Capel, it will hinge on chemistry and desire.

"Certainly I think the team came together over the spring and summer," said the head coach, "and that's critical. One thing I'm worried about, though, is complacency. Two years ago we were embarrassed in the NCAA Tournament second round. That left a pretty sour taste in our mouth and it led to our guys not wanting to feel that way again. Last year, after our loss to North Carolina in the Elite Eight, I don't think we felt embarrassed. We felt hurt, but I don't think our guys felt embarrassed."

"When you win 30 games and have the kind of season we had — on TV as much as we were, always on highlights and different things like that — sometimes that can make you a little bit soft. That's one thing we have to guard against. We can't rest on what we did. We have to be hungry for more. We have to be hungry for the process of getting better."



► Ranked No. 9 by Rivals.com and No. 11 by Scout.com and ESPN.com, **Tiny Gallon** is among the highest rated high school recruits in OU history.



► Jeff Capel has won more games (69) and boasts a higher winning percentage (.676) than any OU coach after his first three years.

# QUOTING CAPEL

► **Thirty-win seasons don't occur every year. What will you always remember about last season?**

"Now that the season's been over with for a while, you have a chance to digest everything. I certainly appreciate everything more now than I did as we were going through it. We had a really good team. To win 30 games and get to within one game of the Final Four, it was special. We had some special individual performances by Blake (Griffin) that obviously stand out, but Willie Warren had an amazing freshman year for us, too. Taylor Griffin and Austin Johnson had really, really good senior years. The things I'll remember? I'll remember our team celebrating after we won the NIT Season Tip-Off. I'll remember how this group came together in the midst of some adverse times toward the end of our conference season and was able to pull it back together as we headed into the NCAA Tournament. We were playing some of our best basketball at that time, so I'm really proud of that."

► **The strength of the team seems to lie in the backcourt. What excites you about your guards?**

"That's where we have some experience. Tony Crocker is the most experienced, and then we have Cade Davis and Willie Warren. Those three played integral roles for us last year. Crock started every game, Willie started all but two and Cade played really well for us. We need those three to step up as leaders. We'll see how Ray Willis has matured as a player and how he's grown. He'll certainly have an opportunity. I think we've added some really good guards in Tommy Mason-Griffin and Steven Pledger. So we feel really good about our perimeter because of the mix of veterans and new talented guys who can hopefully provide more firepower."

► **Would you rather have a great frontcourt or a great backcourt?**

"I'd like to have both. You often hear that you win with guards, and I agree with that. But last year we showed that you can win with a really good frontcourt. I do think guards control the game more, especially offensively. If you have guards who can also get after it defensively, I'd prefer to have the stronger backcourt. I think we have some guys with the ability to do those things. We're going to have to teach them how to do

them — especially getting after it on the defensive end. But as a former guard, I'd probably have to choose the backcourt."

► **Will the makeup of this team allow you to get up and down the court a little bit faster?**

"It could, possibly. I thought we played at a pretty good tempo last year. Until I'm actually able to get out on the floor with them, it's hard to say. Will we ever be a run-and-gun team? I don't know if that's really my style. I want to run and get easy opportunities, but will we ever be a team that runs and shoots the first eight or 10 seconds down the floor? I don't know.

"But I certainly think that we have a chance to have a really strong backcourt. We'll be able to put three guys on the floor who can dribble, pass and shoot, players who can create. Willie Warren can create. We think that's something that Tommy Mason-Griffin brings us that we haven't had at point guard — a guy who can really generate opportunities off the bounce. Hopefully Tony Crocker has been working on his ball handling. If so, that can allow us to use him that way. Same thing with Cade Davis. He's never going to break you down off the dribble, but he can use one or two dribbles to help him get to a spot and get his shot off. Ray Willis is a kid who has an opportunity to be good off the bounce, it's just a matter of whether he's gotten strong enough to survive getting bumped. So our pace probably could quicken a little bit, but I won't know until practice starts."

► **Do you foresee Willie Warren stepping forward during his sophomore season like Blake Griffin did and becoming a national-player-of-the-year candidate?**

"I think Willie has a chance to be really good. I heard and read that he played really well at LeBron's camp (in July). I even heard he may have been the best college player there. The thing that I'm most pleased with is that everyone I talked to mentioned how much he's grown and matured. That's part of the process and one of the great things that happens to a young man in college — you grow up. I think all of the experiences of being around Blake last year and watching how he handled everything have helped Willie. They've developed a good friendship and Blake has helped tutor Willie and has talked to him about some things. Willie's a smart guy and I

PERCENTAGES RETURNING

Category	'08-09	Return	%Back
Points	2833	1190	42.0
Rebounds	1304	375	28.8
3-Point FGs	242	173	71.5
Free Throws	627	249	39.7
Assists	521	208	39.9
Blocks	156	32	20.5
Steals	249	101	40.6

LEADING RETURNERS

**Points Per Game**

Willie Warren	14.6
Tony Crocker	9.6
Cade Davis	4.7
Ray Willis	3.3
Ryan Wright	1.8
Orlando Allen	1.8

**Rebounds Per Game**

Tony Crocker	3.2
Willie Warren	2.2
Ryan Wright	2.1
Cade Davis	1.7

**Field Goal Percentage**

Orlando Allen	.577
Willie Warren	.447
Tony Crocker	.394

**3-Point Field Goal Percentage**

Willie Warren	.372
Tony Crocker	.349
Cade Davis	.345

**3-Pointers Per Game**

Willie Warren	1.9
Tony Crocker	1.6
Cade Davis	1.1

**Free Throw Percentage**

Willie Warren	.781
Ray Willis	.778
Tony Crocker	.772
Cade Davis	.656

**Assists Per Game**

Willie Warren	3.1
Tony Crocker	1.4
Cade Davis	0.9

**Blocked Shots Per Game**

Orlando Allen	0.5
Ryan Wright	0.3

**Steals Per Game**

Willie Warren	1.1
Tony Crocker	1.0

**Minutes Per Game**

Willie Warren	31.3
Tony Crocker	30.6
Cade Davis	28.4
Ryan Wright	21.9
Ray Willis	16.8
Orlando Allen	13.3
T.J. Franklin	2.3
Beau Gerber	2.0

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heard some really good things about him over the summer. We all know what he can do as a player, but we need a leader on this team. If he approached the summer the right way, then he has a chance to step up and earn the right to be a leader."

**► In what areas do you most want to see Willie improve?**

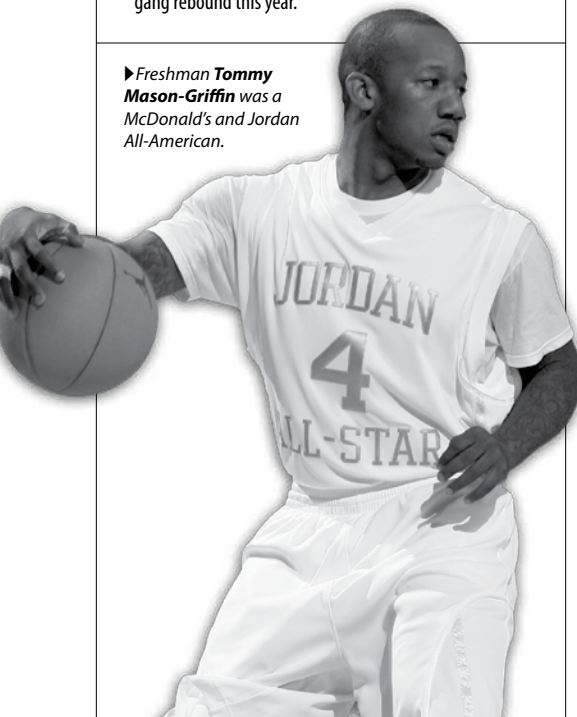
"I'd like to see him be more aggressive at times, and I think he'll be that way. I thought at times last year he deferred. This year I don't think we'll have that problem. I'd like to see him get better defensively. The thing Willie's going to have to understand — and I've talked to him about this — is that he's going to be a marked man now. And so his preparation has to be that much better than it was last year. Last year he was the second guy on the other team's scouting report. This year he'll be the first guy.

"I'd like to see him rebound better. With his size, strength and athleticism, he should be getting four or five boards a game. If he does that, we can immediately start our break — there doesn't have to be an outlet pass. So those are the areas we'll look for improvement from him."

**► The team returns only 29 percent of its rebounding from last season. Is that a concern?**

"It's a major concern, probably as big as any I have. I think we have some guys who can score. But rebounding is the major concern. Between Blake and Taylor last year, you're talking over 20 rebounds a game. It's going to present a huge opportunity for players to step up, and it's a way that they can earn playing time. So many people focus on scoring. Well, we're going to need some guys to really step up and man the boards for us. Our two returning big men — Ryan Wright and Orlando Allen — or some of our new guys like Tiny Gallon or Andrew Fitzgerald have a chance to do that. A guy like Tony Crocker has to be a better rebounder for us. Willie Warren has to rebound better. We're going to have to gang rebound this year."

**► Freshman Tommy Mason-Griffin was a McDonald's and Jordan All-American.**



**► Last year was the first time that OU has had two McDonald's All-Americans on the same team. Now there are three on the squad for 2009-10. What has allowed you to have so much success on the recruiting trail?**

"The first thing is I have a really, really good staff. All three of my assistants will be — or should be — head coaches soon. Their experience, their knowledge and their connections have enabled us to get in on some good players. The second thing is what the University of Oklahoma has to offer as far as a university, a community, an athletics department and a basketball program. If you look at our basketball program over the past 25 years, it's been a top-15 national program. That's a testament to everyone who's played and coached here. It also helps when you're able to get a guy like Blake Griffin. He's the guy who's kind of made it cool to come here during my time. Then a guy like Willie Warren becomes interested to play with Blake. When Willie got here, you have to think that that opened the eyes of guys like Tommy Mason-Griffin and Tiny Gallon. We were able to get them here on campus and they fell in love with what they saw. So I think it's a combination of all of those things."

**► What tactics will you use to relieve some of the pressure off Tiny Gallon in stepping in for Blake Griffin, the national player of the year?**

"Well, I hope there won't be a lot of pressure, but realistically, from the outside, there will be expectations for Tiny. I've told him that there will never be another Blake Griffin — not at the University of Oklahoma, not in college basketball. Blake is one of those true, unique talents that come along just every so often. I think people will understand that even more once Blake starts doing some things at the next level. But, in his own right, Tiny's very, very talented. The big thing is getting him to understand that who he is is pretty good. He doesn't need to emulate anyone else, he just needs to be the best Tiny Gallon he can be."

**► What does Jozsef Szendrei bring to the table as your new strength and conditioning coach?**

"He's been great. One of the things that I like about Yo-Yo is that he wore the Oklahoma jersey. That's important. Sometimes — and I know this from playing at a school with great tradition — it means a little bit more to the guys who've worn the jersey. When I was going through the hiring process, I didn't think there was a candidate who'd have more pride in his job than Yo-Yo. He has a lot of ownership in this program because he wore that uniform with pride. On top of that, he's very knowledgeable about what he does and he has a passion for it. He wants to do anything he can to help the OU men's basketball program.

"He understands his role and is probably one of the most positive people I've ever met in my life. I've known him since I got to OU and I don't think I've ever seen him in a bad mood. You can't help but get a jolt of energy from him when you're around him. That was something I was really looking for when I started the hiring process."

**► How do you break down the Big 12 this year?**

"I talked to some Big 12 coaches out on the road recruiting and I know a lot of us feel like our league is going to be even better than it was last year. And last year, I think



**► Junior Cade Davis made 40 treys and shot .345 from behind the arc last season.**

from top to bottom we were right there with any other league. I think Kansas will be better than it was last year, and it was really good. Texas has the chance to be better and it was a very good basketball team. I think Iowa State will probably be a better basketball team. They have one of the premier players in the country returning in Craig Brackins.

"Then you look at Texas A&M — it's going to be a better team with three starters back and two freshmen who played really well last year in Dash Harris and David Loubeau. Oklahoma State has another one of the premier players in the country in James Anderson. I think Colorado will be better and I think Kansas State will be improved and right in the thick of things.

"We lost a lot and so did Missouri. But Missouri's style of play and the guys that return — especially in the backcourt — will keep it in the midst of the race. Doc Sadler at Nebraska is one of the best coaches in the country. He's got some good players back and some more that are new or sat out last year. I think it's going to be a really, really good year. We have some tremendous players coming back and I think we signed more top-100 national recruits than any other league. I think that says a lot."

**► Does the Big 12 have the chance to be the best league in the country?**

"I think it can be. In fact, I thought we were last year. The only conference you could maybe say was better last year was the Big East. And everyone I've talked to thinks we'll be better than we were last year, so I do think we could be the best league in the country. We'll have two preseason top-five teams. Kansas will be ranked No. 1 and Texas will be in the top five. Then there are some more who will be preseason top-25 teams. When you look at the depth of our league and the quality of players, coaches and venues, it's hard to win — especially on the road. I think we're going to be the best conference in the country this year."

# PRESEASON NOTEBOOK

## CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR?

Will Oklahoma produce a national player of the year twice in a row? The Sporting News thinks so. The publication named sophomore guard **Willie Warren** its preseason national player of the year just seven months after sophomore forward **Blake Griffin** claimed every 2009 national player of the year award.

Warren, last season's unanimous choice as Big 12 Freshman of the Year, was the Sooners' most potent 2008-09 backcourt performer. He averaged 14.6 points and 3.1 assists per game as a sidekick to Griffin, helping OU to a 30-6 record and to within one game of the Final Four. Warren was named Big 12 Rookie of the Week seven times (one shy of the record) and set OU freshman standards for 3-pointers (67) and games started (34).

The last school to have players win back-to-back Wooden or Naismith Awards was Duke (Shane Battier and Jason Williams each won both in 2001 and 2002, respectively).

► Sophomore **Willie Warren**



## NORTH TO ALASKA

The 2009-10 season will mark the third time in school history for Oklahoma to compete in the Great Alaska Shootout. This year's event, which takes place Nov. 25-28 at Anchorage's Sullivan Arena, will utilize a six-team format.

The Sooners open Wednesday, Nov. 25, against San Diego (16-16 record last year) at 9:45 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (12:45 a.m. CST) before meeting Houston (21-12) on Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. AKST (10:30 p.m. CST). Following a day off, OU will take on Alaska Anchorage (15-14), Nicholls State (20-11) or Washington State (17-16) on Nov. 28.

Oklahoma went 2-1 and finished in third place at the Great Alaska Shootout during the 1983-84 and 2004-05 seasons.

## CAPEL'S QUICK START

When **Jeff Capel** was named OU head coach in May 2006, he inherited a thin roster and recruiting restrictions from the previous staff. After a 16-15 initial season, Capel directed seven-win

improvements in both 2007-08 (23-12 record) and 2008-09 (30-6). His 69-33 mark as Sooners' boss ranks him No. 1 in school history in wins and winning percentage (.676) through the first three years of tenure. Kelvin Sampson ranks second through three years in both categories (59 wins; .641) while Billy Tubbs ranks third (55 wins; .591).

## NOBODY HAS MADE MORE

No program in the country has made more postseason appearances over the past 28 seasons than Oklahoma's 27. The Sooners have participated in 22 NCAA Tournaments and five NITs during the period. Over the past 27 seasons, only Arizona (25), Duke (25), Kansas (25), North Carolina (25) and Indiana (23) have made more NCAA Tournament showings than OU's 22.

## OU RANKS FOURTH NATIONALLY WITH THREE McDONALD'S ALL-AMERICANS

Oklahoma boasts three McDonald's High School All-Americans on its 2009-10 roster, fourth most nationally and most ever at OU on one team. The trio consists of sophomore guard **Willie Warren**, freshman guard **Tommy Mason-Griffin** and freshman forward **Tiny Gallon**. Only North Carolina (seven), Duke (six) and Villanova (five) have more. Georgetown, Georgia Tech and Kansas also claim three each, while Connecticut, Florida State, Kentucky, Louisville, Texas and UCLA claim two each.

Head coach **Jeff Capel** has signed four McDonald's All-Americans over his first three years at Oklahoma, as 2009 national collegiate player of the year **Blake Griffin** was also one in 2007. Prior to Capel's arrival, four Sooners were McDonald's All-Americans: **Wayman Tisdale** in 1982, **Jeff Webster** in 1989, **Ryan Humphrey** in 1997 and **Drew Lavender** in 2003.

► McDonald's All-Americans **Tiny Gallon** (left) and **Tommy Mason-Griffin**



## BIG 12 PRESEASON POLL

(VOTED ON BY LEAGUE'S HEAD COACHES)

Team	First-Place Votes	Points
1. Kansas	11	121
2. Texas	1	111
3. Oklahoma		95
4. Kansas State		92
5. Texas A&M		74
6. Oklahoma State		69
7. Missouri		66
8. Iowa State		57
9. Texas Tech		34
10. Baylor		33
11. Nebraska		27
12. Colorado		13

## SOONERS BY THE NUMBERS

- 738** OU's winning percentage in the 2000s (ninth best in the nation)
- 3** Number of McDonald's All-Americans on the OU roster (first time in school history three are on the same team)
- 13** Number of OU's 30 regular season games to be televised by national networks
- 27** Number of OU postseason appearances in the last 28 years (most in the nation)
- 28** Number of consecutive winning seasons for OU (nation's second longest current streak)
- 420** Number of consecutive games OU has made at least one 3-pointer (Dec. 23, 1996, was last without one)

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## PRESEASON RANKINGS

### ATHLON SPORTS

- Kansas
- Michigan State
- Texas
- Purdue
- North Carolina
- Kentucky
- Villanova
- Tennessee
- Oklahoma**
- West Virginia
- Connecticut
- Butler
- Georgia Tech
- California
- Mississippi State
- Vanderbilt
- Washington
- Duke
- Louisville
- BYU

### BLUE RIBBON YEARBOOK

- Kansas
- Michigan State
- Texas
- Villanova
- North Carolina
- Purdue
- Kentucky
- California
- Duke
- Tennessee
- West Virginia
- Georgia Tech
- Minnesota
- Syracuse
- Ohio State
- Oklahoma**
- Connecticut
- Dayton
- Maryland

### CBS.COM

- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Michigan State
- Texas
- North Carolina
- Villanova
- Connecticut
- Purdue
- West Virginia
- Duke
- Butler
- Washington
- Clemson
- Tennessee
- Oklahoma**
- Minnesota
- Dayton
- Ohio State
- Michigan
- California

### LINDY'S

- Kansas
- Texas
- Michigan State
- Villanova
- North Carolina
- Purdue
- Butler
- Kentucky
- Michigan
- California
- Duke
- Tennessee
- Georgia Tech
- Oklahoma**
- Louisville
- Washington
- Dayton
- West Virginia
- Tulsa
- Maryland

### SLAM MAGAZINE

- Kansas
- Michigan State
- North Carolina
- Texas
- Duke
- Villanova
- Purdue
- Kentucky
- West Virginia
- Tennessee
- Oklahoma**
- Washington
- Connecticut
- California
- Butler
- Mississippi State
- Georgetown
- Minnesota
- Maryland
- Michigan

### BIG 12 PREDICTIONS

	AS	BR	CBS	LN
Baylor	8	9	8	8
Colorado	12	12	12	11
Iowa State	9	8	9	9
Kansas	1	1	1	1
Kansas State	4	5	4	6
Missouri	7	7	7	7
Nebraska	10	11	10	10
<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Oklahoma State	5	4	6	5
Texas	2	2	2	2
Texas A&M	6	6	5	4
Texas Tech	11	10	11	12

### KEY

- AS – Athlon Sports
- BR – Blue Ribbon Yearbook
- CBS – CBS.com
- LN – Lindy's

# PLAYER POLL

Members of the 2009-10 Oklahoma team participated in a 29-question player poll in late September, supplying the name of a teammate for various categories. Self votes were not allowed and only players with multiple votes are shown below:

### Who's the best dresser?

Andrew Fitzgerald – 5.5 votes  
 Tommy Mason-Griffin – 4.5 votes  
 Tony Crocker – 2 votes  
 Cade Davis – 2 votes

### Who's the worst dresser?

Orlando Allen – 6 votes  
 Beau Gerber – 2 votes  
 Kyle Hardrick – 2 votes  
 Willie Warren – 2 votes

### Who's the biggest eater?

Orlando Allen – 6.5 votes  
 Beau Gerber – 5.5 votes

### Who's the best pool player?

Ray Willis – 7.5 votes  
 Cade Davis – 6 votes  
 Tommy Mason-Griffin – 1.5 votes

### Who's the best video game player?

T.J. Franklin – 9 votes  
 Ray Willis – 4.5 votes

### Who's the best overall athlete?

Tony Crocker – 10.5 votes  
 Willie Warren – 1.5 votes

### Who's the smartest in the classroom?

Beau Gerber – 7 votes  
 T.J. Franklin – 4 votes  
 Ryan Wright – 3 votes

### Who's the smartest on the court?

Tony Crocker – 4 votes  
 Cade Davis – 3 votes  
 Willie Warren – 3 votes  
 Tommy Mason-Griffin – 2 votes  
 Steven Pledger – 2 votes

### Who's the biggest comedian?

Ray Willis – 11 votes  
 Tiny Gallon – 3 votes

### Who the funniest (not on purpose)?

Andrew Fitzgerald – 7 votes  
 Tiny Gallon – 3 votes  
 Ray Willis – 2 votes

### Who's the biggest trash-talker on the court?

Ray Willis – 9 votes  
 Orlando Allen – 4 votes



► Sophomore **Ray Willis** was voted by teammates as the squad's biggest comedian, biggest prankster, biggest trash talker and best pool player. He was also the unanimous choice for having the messiest locker.

### Who's the most respected?

Tony Crocker – 8 votes  
 Beau Gerber – 2.5 votes  
 Ryan Wright – 1.5 votes

### Who's the loudest?

Orlando Allen – 8 votes  
 Ray Willis – 4 votes  
 Tiny Gallon – 2 votes

### Who's the quietest?

Ryan Randolph – 10.5 votes  
 Tommy Mason-Griffin – 1.5 votes

### Who will be the first to get married?

Orlando Allen – 5 votes  
 Steven Pledger – 5 votes  
 Cade Davis – 3 votes  
 T.J. Franklin – 2 votes

### Who will be the last to get married?

Tommy Mason-Griffin – 6 votes  
 Beau Gerber – 4 votes  
 Ray Willis – 3 votes

### Who's the most likely to be famous outside of basketball?

T.J. Franklin – 4 votes  
 Cade Davis – 3 votes  
 Tiny Gallon – 2.5 votes  
 Beau Gerber – 2 votes  
 Ray Willis – 1.5 votes

### Who's the best singer?

Tony Crocker – 7 votes  
 Cade Davis – 4 votes  
 Tiny Gallon – 2 votes

### Who's the best dancer?

Steven Pledger – 5 votes  
 Tiny Gallon – 4 votes  
 Tony Crocker – 2 votes  
 Willie Warren – 2 votes

### Who's the biggest prankster?

Ray Willis – 8.5 votes  
 T.J. Franklin – 2.5 votes  
 Andrew Fitzgerald – 2 votes

### Who's the most competitive?

Tony Crocker – 9 votes  
 Orlando Allen – 2 votes  
 Beau Gerber – 2 votes  
 Ryan Wright – 2 votes

### Who has the messiest locker?

Ray Willis – 14 votes

### Who's the neatest and most organized?

Orlando Allen – 9 votes

### Who would make the best college head coach?

Cade Davis – 4 votes  
 T.J. Franklin – 3 votes  
 Barry Honoré – 2 votes

### Who's the cheapest?

Steven Pledger – 8 votes  
 Tony Crocker – 4 votes

### Who's the fastest from baseline to baseline?

T.J. Franklin – 6 votes  
 Tony Crocker – 4 votes  
 Cade Davis – 3 votes

### Who's the most impressive in the weight room?

Ryan Wright – 10 votes  
 T.J. Franklin – 2 votes  
 Barry Honoré – 2 votes

### Who's the hardest worker?

Beau Gerber – 5 votes  
 Ryan Wright – 4 votes

### Who's the best dunker?

Tony Crocker – 13 votes  
 Willie Warren – 1.5 votes