

**2025**

- **Baha Mar Men's Championship**..... **Nov. 20-21**
- **Baha Mar Hoops
Pink Flamingo Championship (2 divisions)** **Nov. 24 & 26**
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Nassau Championship (2 divisions)**..... **Nov. 28 & 30**

BAHA MAR HOOPS

Baha Mar Convention Center
Nassau, The Bahamas

**BAHA MAR
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Men)

Memphis

Purdue

Texas Tech

Wake Forest

All games televised on CBS Sports Network

**BAHA MAR HOOPS
PINK FLAMINGO CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Women)

Goombay Division

Belmont

McNeese

Ohio State

West Virginia

Junkanoo Division

Alabama

Harvard

Minnesota

USF

All games televised on FloCollege

**BAHA MAR HOOPS
NASSAU CHAMPIONSHIP**

(Women)

Goombay Division

Arkansas State

Houston

Kent State

Tulsa

Junkanoo Division

Clemson

Michigan State

Temple

Western Carolina

All games televised on FloCollege

Baha Mar Hoops Event Overview

The Baha Mar resort welcomes 20 men's and women's teams in November as part of Baha Mar Hoops, an 11-day, 20-game showcase considered the largest regular-season event in the sport of college basketball.

Festivities begin with the Baha Mar Men's Championship (Nov. 20-21) with a pair of top 10 teams among an impressive field that includes Memphis, Wake Forest, preseason AP No. 10 Texas Tech and Purdue, the nation's top-ranked team in the both the preseason AP and coaches polls.

Two premier women's basketball events, each with eight teams and two separate divisions, take stage at Baha Mar during the last week of November in the Baha Mar Hoops Pink Flamingo Championship (Nov. 24 & 26) and the Baha Mar Hoops Nassau Championship (Nov. 28 & 30). Each event will feature two separate, four-team divisions resulting in four total champions being crowned. Ten of the 16 teams competed in postseason play, including seven NCAA Tournament participants.

CBS Sports Network to Televis Baha Mar Championship

CBS Sports Network will broadcast all four games of the Baha Mar Championship. The first-round matchups on Thursday feature No. 1 Purdue facing Memphis at 6 p.m. ET, followed by No. 10 Texas Tech against Wake Forest at 8:30 p.m. ET. The consolation and championship games are set for Friday at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., respectively.

Purdue enters the season as the nation's top-ranked team, returning four starters and seven key contributors from last year's Sweet 16 squad that finished 24-12. Texas Tech advanced to the Elite Eight, posted a 28-9 overall mark and was second in the Big 12. Memphis dominated the American Athletic Conference, sweeping both the regular-season and tournament crowns, earned a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament and finished with a 29-6 overall record. Wake Forest was fourth in the ACC last season – its best finish since 2008-09 – while producing a 21-11 overall mark.

FloCollege to Stream All Games of Two Baha Mar Hoops Events

FloCollege.com (subscription required) will stream all 16 Baha Mar Hoops contests in two events, including eight games each in the Baha Mar Hoops Pink Flamingo Championship and the Baha Mar Hoops Nassau Championship, with each event featuring two separate four-team divisions.

Founded in 2006, FloSports is a venture-backed subscription video streaming service dedicated to sports, offering live and on-demand access to hundreds of thousands of competition events across 25+ vertical sport categories in the US and abroad. More information: <https://www.flocollege.com/watch>

The Beautiful Baha Mar Resort

The remarkable Baha Mar resort serves as the backdrop to this basketball showcase. Anchored by Grand Hyatt and featuring SLS Baha Mar and Rosewood Baha Mar, the resort is situated on 1,000 acres overlooking Nassau's famous turquoise ocean waters. The destination resort boasts more than 2,300 rooms, the largest casino in the Caribbean, a \$200 million luxury water park, an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course, the Caribbean's first and only flagship ESPA Spa and a collection of more than 45 restaurants and lounges.

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Baha Mar Hoops

2025 Tournament Schedules & Broadcast Information

BAHA MAR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP (Nov. 20-21)

Thursday, Nov. 20 - First Round

Game 1: Purdue vs. Memphis - 6 p.m. ET (CBS Sports Network)

Game 2: Texas Tech vs. Wake Forest - 8:30 p.m. ET (CBS Sports Network)

Friday, Nov. 21 - Consolation/Championship

Game 3: (consolation) Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser - 7 p.m. ET (CBS Sports Network)

Game 4: (championship) Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner - 9:30 p.m. (CBS Sports Network)

BAHA MAR HOOPS PINK FLAMINGO CHAMPIONSHIP (Nov. 24 & 26)

GOOMBAY DIVISION

Monday, Nov. 24 - First Round

Game 1: Ohio State vs. Belmont - 11 a.m. ET (FloCollege)

Game 2: West Virginia vs. McNeese State - 1:30 p.m. ET (FloCollege)

Wednesday, Nov. 26 - Consolation/Championship

Game 3: (consolation) Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser - 11 a.m. ET (FloCollege)

Game 4: (championship) Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner - 1:30 p.m. (FloCollege)

JUNKANOO DIVISION

Monday, Nov. 24 - First Round

Game 1: Minnesota vs. USF - 4 p.m. ET (FloCollege)

Game 2: Alabama vs. Harvard - 6:30 p.m. ET (FloCollege)

Wednesday, Nov. 26 - Consolation/Championship

Order for playing Consolation and Championship games will be determined following conclusion of first round. - 4 p.m. ET & 6:30 p.m. ET (FloCollege)

BAHA MAR HOOPS NASSAU CHAMPIONSHIP (Nov. 28 & 30)

GOOMBAY DIVISION

Friday, Nov. 28 - First Round

Game 1: Kent State vs. Tulsa - 11 a.m. ET (FloCollege)

Game 2: Houston vs. Arkansas State - 1:30 p.m. ET (FloCollege)

Sunday, Nov. 30 - Consolation/Championship

Game 3: (consolation) Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser - 11 a.m. ET (FloCollege)

Game 4: (championship) Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner - 1:30 p.m. (FloCollege)

JUNKANOO DIVISION

Sunday, Nov. 30 - First Round

Game 1: Clemson vs. Western Carolina - 4 p.m. ET - (FloCollege)

Game 2: Michigan State vs. Temple - 6:30 p.m. ET - (FloCollege)

Sunday, Nov. 30 - Consolation/Championship

Game 3: (consolation) Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser - 4 p.m. ET (FloCollege)

Game 4: (championship) Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner - 6:30 p.m. (FloCollege)

ABOUT bdG SPORTS

bdG Sports is a sports and entertainment leader with a dynamic event management portfolio anchored with a focus in basketball and professional golf. The firm boasts an event schedule that has impacted multiple communities throughout North America and the Caribbean while featuring broadcasts to viewers across the globe.

In basketball, bdG has a lengthy history of producing college basketball content. From summer exhibition tours to multiple high-profile in-season tournaments – such as the Continental Tire Main Event at T-Mobile Arena, the Gulf Coast Showcase in Fort Myers, and 20 teams participating in three Baha Mar Hoops events in Nassau – bdG will contract nearly 150 regular-season men's and women's Division I basketball games annually. bdG is proud to be the only third-party operator which manages a conference tournament, assisting The Big West Conference Tournament each March in Henderson, Nevada. In professional basketball, bdG managed home games for the NBA G-League's Ignite for its two years at the Dollar Loan Center.

In professional golf, bdG owns and operates two season-opening Korn Ferry Tour tournaments, The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic and The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic, both featuring \$1 million purses. bdG also manages multiple pro-ams throughout the year at destination golf clubs such as Albany, Shadow Creek, Whistling Straights and Bandon Dunes.

BAHA MAR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Past Champions (men)

2021	Louisville
2022	UCF
2023	Miami (Fla.)
2024	Tennessee

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NASSAU CHAMPIONSHIP

Past Champions (men)

2021	Toledo
2022	UNC Wilmington
2023	UNC Greensboro
2024	six participants, no set champion

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PINK FLAMINGO CHAMPIONSHIP

Past Champions

2022	Virginia Tech (men)
2023	Georgia (men)
2024	LSU (women)

BAHA MAR WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Past Champions

2024	Connecticut
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Previous Event

ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS SHOWCASE

Past Champions (men)

2017	Vermont
2018	Georgia Southern
2019	Liberty

■ Team and single game records in the Baha Mar events are available online at this link:

<https://bahamarhoops.com/history/>



BAHA MAR HOOPS GAME PROGRAM

The official digital game program for the 2005 Baha Mar Hoops is available online by scanning the QR code below.





Baha Mar Hoops

Team Preseason Snapshots

Baha Mar Men's Championship (Men)

Memphis Tigers

The Memphis Tigers enter the 2025-26 season with momentum and high expectations after sweeping both the regular season and tournament titles in the American Conference last year. Under the leadership of reigning American Coach of the Year Penny Hardaway, the Tigers boast a retooled roster headlined by preseason All-Conference First Team selections Dug McDaniel and Aaron Bradshaw. McDaniel, a seasoned point guard with previous stops at Michigan and Kansas State, brings elite playmaking and leadership to the backcourt after averaging 11.4 points, 4.9 assists, 2.8 rebounds, and 1.7 steals last season. Joining him is Bradshaw, a 7-foot former McDonald's All-American who showed flashes of his potential at Ohio State in 2024-25. With top-tier talent and championship experience, Memphis looks poised for another big run.

2025-26 Preseason American Predicted Finish (by Coaches): first

2025-26 Preseason All American Honors (by Coaches): Aaron Bradshaw, Dug McDaniel (both first team)

2024-25 Record: 29-6, 16-2 American (champion)

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: 25 / Coaches: RV / NCAA NET: 49



Purdue Boilermakers

The Purdue Boilermakers enter the 2025-26 season with high expectations, returning four starters and seven key contributors from last year's Sweet 16 squad that finished 24-12. All-America candidates Braden Smith and Trey Kaufman-Renn form one of the nation's top duos, while sharpshooter Fletcher Loyer returns as one of the country's best from beyond the arc. Sophomores C.J. Cox, Gicarri Harris, and Daniel Jacobsen are poised for larger roles after strong freshman campaigns. Transfer Oscar Cluff joins the frontcourt after averaging a double-double at South Dakota State. Newcomer Omer Mayer brings international experience from Israel's U-18 and U-20 teams, and transfer Liam Murphy adds shooting depth after making 104 threes last season at North Florida. Purdue has made 10 straight NCAA Tournament appearances and has been a top-4 seed in eight consecutive tournaments – the fourth-longest streak in NCAA history.

2025-26 Preseason Big Ten Predicted Finish (by Coaches): first

2025-26 Preseason All Big Ten Honors (by Coaches): Braden Smith (Player of Year), Trey Kaufman-Renn

2024-25 Record: 24-12, 13-7 Big Ten (T-4th)

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: 14 / Coaches: 12 / NCAA NET: 19



Texas Tech Red Raiders

Texas Tech is coming off an Elite Eight run in the NCAA Tournament and a second-place finish in the competitive Big 12. In two seasons under head coach Grant McCasland (51-20), the Red Raiders have made back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances, highlighted by last season's Sweet 16 win over Arkansas. The 2025-26 roster features six returners and eight newcomers, led by consensus All-American and Big 12 Player of the Year JT Toppin, and All-Big 12 Freshman Team pick Christian Anderson. The transfer class includes Tyeree Bryan (Santa Clara), LeJuan Watts (Washington State), Josiah Moseley (Villanova), Luke Bamgboye (VCU), and Donovan Atwell (UNC Greensboro), joined by freshmen Nolan Groves, Jaylen Petty, and LaTrell Hoover. Key returners include Jazz Henderson, Leon Horner, Jack Francis, and Marial Akuentok—all part of last year's successful 28-9 team.

2025-26 Preseason Big 12 Predicted Finish (by Coaches): third

2025-26 Preseason All Big 12 (by Coaches): JT Toppin (Player of the Year), Christian Anderson

2024-25 Record: 28-9, 15-5 Big 12 (2nd)

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: 8 / Coaches: 8 / NCAA NET: 7



Wake Forest

In 2024-25, the Demon Deacons earned 21 victories and the program's first-ever double bye in the ACC Tournament. With 13 ACC victories – tied for the most in a single season in school history and the second time in four seasons the Deacs have hit that mark – Wake Forest earned its highest regular-season finish since the 2008-09 campaign. Wake Forest matched the school record for road ACC victories with six and became the only ACC program to sweep the West Coast swing with victories at Stanford and Cal. Additionally, the Deacs set a new program record for ACC victories over a four-year span with 47 since the beginning of the 2021-22 campaign. Additionally, Wake has built one of college basketball's premier home court advantages over the last four seasons, as the Demon Deacons have collected a 61-10 at LJM Coliseum since 2021—tied nationally for the fourth-most home wins over that period.

2025-26 Preseason ACC Predicted Finish (by Media): 11th

2024-25 Record: 21-11, 13-7 ACC (T-4th)

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: NR / Coaches: NR / NCAA NET: 69





Baha Mar Hoops

Team Preseason Snapshots

Baha Mar Hoops Pink Flamingo Championship - Goombay Division (Women)

Belmont

Belmont Head Coach Bart Brooks returns eight letterwinners, including three starters, from a team that went 26-13 and reached both the MVC Tournament final and the 2025 Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament (WBIT) championship game. The roster adds seven newcomers—five freshmen and two transfers. All-MVC guards Tuti Jones (graduate) and Jailyn Banks (junior), along with senior Emily La Chapell, were the only Bruins to start all 39 games last season. Belmont has won seven national postseason games over the past five years and earned postseason bids in 12 of the last 13 seasons. The Bruins are one of just nine programs nationwide to post 10 consecutive 20-win seasons.

2025-26 Preseason MVC Predicted Finish (by Coaches): first

2025-26 Preseason MVC Players to Watch (by Coaches): Tuti Jones, Avery Strickland, Emily La Chapell, Jailyn Banks

2024-25 Record: 26-13, 15-5 Missouri Valley (T-3rd); WBIT national runner-up

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: NR / Coaches: NR / NCAA NET: 51



McNeese

First-year head coach Ayla Guzzardo, who led Southeastern to two of the last three Southland Conference Championships, has brought nine Southeastern student-athletes and her entire coaching staff with her to McNeese. The 2025–26 Cowgirl roster features eight upperclassmen (two graduate students, four seniors, and two juniors), two sophomores (including one transfer), three true freshmen, and one redshirt freshman. Guard Jalencia Pierre, a two-time Southland Conference Defensive Player of the Year at Southeastern, joins the squad alongside two players who have previously earned Southland Conference Freshman of the Year honors: Kaili Chamberlin at McNeese (2022) and Lexi Alexander at Nicholls (2003). Chamberlin, a former All-Southland Conference guard, began her career at McNeese in 2021–22. After stints at Austin Peay and Southeastern, she returns to complete her collegiate career at McNeese in 2025–26. Paris Guillory is the lone returnee from last season's Cowgirl roster.

2024-25 Record: 10-21, 5-15 Southland (T-9th)



Ohio State

Head Coach Kevin McGuff was named to the Naismith Coach of the Year Watch List for the third straight season in 2024–25 after guiding Ohio State to a 26–7 record — the Buckeyes' fourth consecutive season with 25+ wins. Preseason All-Big Ten selection Jaloní Cambridge leads the returners after earning Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors (unanimous by media, co-winner among coaches). She averaged 15.4 points, 4.5 rebounds, 3.9 assists, and 2.0 steals per game and was a WBCA All-America Team regional finalist, All-Big Ten First Team, and All-Freshman Team selection. Change Gray also returns as a starter, with Kennedy Cambridge, Ava Watson, and Elsa Lemmilä providing additional experience. Newcomers include Boston College transfer T'wana Todd, who ranked fourth nationally in three-point shooting (.459), and Florida transfer Kylee Kitts, who redshirted her freshman year. Ella Hobbs and Seini Henry return after redshirting last season, and the Buckeyes welcome freshmen Dasha Biriuk and Bryn Martin.

2025-26 Preseason American Predicted Finish (by Coaches & Media): fifth

2025-26 Preseason All-Big Ten Individual Honors (by Coaches & Media): Jaloní Cambridge

2024-25 Record: 26-7, 13-5 Big Ten (3rd); reached NCAA second round

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: 19 / Coaches: 17 / NCAA NET: 18



West Virginia

Head coach Mark Kellogg has led West Virginia to 25-win seasons in each of his first two years in Morgantown, with the Mountaineers reaching the NCAA Second Round both times. It was the best two-year start in program history. Five players return from the 2024–25 squad: Sydney Woodley, Sydney Shaw, Jordan Harrison, Jordan Thomas, and Celia Riviere. Harrison ranked second on the team in scoring (13.7 ppg) and led in assists (4.5 apg), while Shaw served as the team's top three-point shooter, hitting a team-high 67 from beyond the arc. Six newcomers join the Mountaineers this season, including five experienced transfer players: Carter McCray (Wisconsin), Gia Cooke (Houston), Riley Makalusky (Butler), Kierra Wheeler (Norfolk State), and Loghan Johnson (Texas Tech), all part of a strong transfer class. Rounding out the roster is freshman Madison Parrish, an ESPN Top 100 recruit.

2025-26 Preseason Big 12 Predicted Finish (by Coaches): fifth

2025-26 Preseason American Individual Honors (by Coaches): Jordan Harrison

2024-25 Record: 25-8, 13-5 Big 12 (4th); reached NCAA second round

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: 21 / Coaches: 19 / NCAA NET: 13





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Team Preseason Snapshots

Baha Mar Hoops Pink Flamingo Championship - Junkanoo Division (Women)

Alabama

Alabama is led by veteran head coach Kristy Curry who is entering her 13th season at The Capstone and 27th year overall. Last season's 24-9 record marked the fourth consecutive 20-win season for UA which aided in the Crimson Tide reaching its fourth NCAA Tournament in the last five years. Alabama's 2025-26 roster consists of eight returners, including starters Essence Cody (11.1 ppg, team-high 6.3 rpg in 2024-25) and Karly Weathers (7.2 ppg, 5.4 rpg), and seven newcomers highlighted by transfer Ta'Mia Scott (from Middle Tennessee) and freshman Ace Austin. This will mark the UA's second trip the Baha Mar Hoops Pink Flamingo Championship, having previously competed in the 2022 edition

2025-26 Preseason SEC Predicted Finish (by Media): ninth

2024-25 Record: 24-9, 10-6 SEC (T-6th); reached NCAA second round

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: 20 / Coaches: 21 / NCAA NET: 17



Harvard

In her third season leading the Crimson, head coach Carrie Moore guided Harvard to a historic year last season — a program-record 24 wins, the Ivy League Tournament Championship, and the team's first NCAA appearance in 18 years. The Crimson return 11 players from that championship roster and welcome five talented first-years. Leading the charge are senior standouts Katie Krupa (2023-24 All-Ivy Honorable Mention, team captain in 2024-25), Saniyah Glenn-Bello (third-leading scorer in 2024-25), and Gabby Anderson, a two-year starter who anchors Harvard's defense. Harvard was ranked second in the 2025-26 College Insider Women's Basketball Mid-Major Top 25 Preseason Poll

2025-26 Preseason Ivy League Predicted Finish (by Media): third

2024-25 Record: 24-5, 11-3 Ivy League (3rd); lost in NCAA first round

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: RV / Coaches: NR / NCAA NET: 38



Minnesota

The Minnesota women's basketball team enters the 2025-26 season riding a wave of momentum after a standout 25-11 campaign, the program's winningest since 2004-05. The Golden Gophers not only secured back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time since 2019 but also capped their year by capturing the WBIT Championship. Head Coach Dawn Plitzuweit's squad returns an experienced core, bringing back 179 of 180 combined starts from last season's roster. Junior guard Mara Braun, a 2023-24 All-Big Ten Honorable Mention, is set to return after missing much of last season due to injury, while senior guard Amaya Battle — a All-Big Ten Honorable Mention pick last season — anchors the lineup following a strong campaign that saw her average 12.8 points, 5.1 rebounds, and a team-leading 4.2 assists per game.

2025-26 Preseason Big Ten Predicted Finish (by Coaches): only top five ranked; not among top five

2024-25 Record: 25-11, 8-10 Big Ten (13th); WBIT Champion

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: NR / Coaches: RV / NCAA NET: 37



USF

USF enters the 2025-26 season under the leadership of Interim Head Coach Michele Woods-Baxter, who begins her first year in the role and 18th overall with the Bulls program. The Bulls are coming off a 23-11 campaign that saw them capture their fourth American Athletic Conference championship, win the AAC Postseason Tournament, and make their 10th NCAA Tournament appearance under the previous coaching staff. USF returns eight players from last year's roster, including Carla Brito and L'or Mputu, who both ranked among the team's top scorers and rebounders in 2024-25. Guard transfers Edyn Battle (from Jacksonville), Katie Davidson (IU Indy) and Kirsten-Lewis Williams (Buffalo) were among 25 student-athletes named to the Becky Hammon Mid-Major Player of the Year Award Watch List, presented annually by Her Hoop Stats.

2025-26 Preseason American Predicted Finish (by Coaches): first

2025-26 Preseason American All-Conference Honors (by Coaches): Carla Brito (preseason player of the year), L'or Mputu

2024-25 Record: 23-11, 13-4 American (3rd); lost in NCAA first round

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: NR / Coaches: NR / NCAA NET: 77





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Team Preseason Snapshots

Baha Mar Hoops Nassau Championship - Goombay Division (Women)

Arkansas State

Head Coach Destinee Rogers enters her fourth season leading the Red Wolves after guiding the program to a 21–11 overall record and a 15–3 mark in Sun Belt play during the 2024–25 campaign — capped by the first Sun Belt Championship title in program history. Arkansas State returns five players from last year's roster and welcomes seven newcomers from the transfer portal, including 2025–26 Preseason First Team All-Conference selection Crislyn Rose and Second Team honoree Zyion Shannon. Notable additions to the roster include senior guard D'Arrah Allen (Arkansas–Pine Bluff), senior guard Marlie Dickerson (Niagara), and junior guard Aniyah Ruddock (Chipola College).

2025-26 Preseason Sun Belt Predicted Finish (by Coaches): second

2025-26 Preseason Sun Belt Individual Honors (by Coaches): Crislyn Rose (first team),
Zyion Shannon (second team)

2024-25 Record: 21-11, 15-3 Sun Belt (2nd) - lost in NCAA first round

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: NR / Coaches: NR / NCAA NET: 148



Houston

First-year Head Coach Matthew Mitchell, a three-time SEC Coach of the Year, brings over 30 years of coaching experience to the Cougars. Houston returns guards Summer Bostock, Kierra Merchant and Kateri Poole. The Cougars also welcome three freshmen: guard Kayla King and forwards Jemma Hunter and Jade Jones. Mitchell reloaded the roster with seven transfers: forwards Amirah Abdur-Rahim, Amani Bartlett and Jorynn Ross, and guards Shun'teria Anumele, Kyndall Hunter, Briana Peguero and TK Pitts.

2025-26 Preseason Big 12 Predicted Finish (by Coaches): 15th

2024-25 Record: 5-25, 1-17 Big 12 (4th)

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: NR / Coaches: NR / NCAA NET: 178



Kent State

Kent State has been selected as the preseason favorite to win both the Mid-American Conference (MAC) regular season and tournament championships for the 2025–26 women's basketball season, according to the league's coaches poll. The Golden Flashes return a strong core from their 21-win campaign in 2024–25, including seven players who averaged at least 10 minutes per game. Preseason All-MAC selections Janae Tyler (first team) and Mya Babbitt (second team) headline the roster, bringing experience and impact. Returning starter Dionna Gray, who ranked third in the MAC with 4.9 assists per game last season, will once again lead the backcourt. Additionally, Corynne Hauser is set to return to action for the first time since February 2024; she has averaged 9.3 points and 3.4 assists over 52 games in her Kent State career prior to her injury.

2025-26 Preseason MAC Predicted Finish (by Coaches): first

2025-26 Preseason MAC Individual Honors (by Coaches): Janae Tyler (first team), Mya Babbitt (2nd team)

2024-25 Record: 21-12, 12-6 Big 12 (16th)

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: NR / Coaches: NR / NCAA NET: 113



Tulsa

Head Coach Angie Nelp has recorded more wins in her first four seasons than any coach in Tulsa history and is the first to post a winning record in each of her first four years. Her 2024–25 squad finished 17–15 overall, marking the fourth straight year Tulsa has surpassed 17 wins. Three players return from the 2024–25 team: junior guards Mady Cartwright and Jade Clack, along with redshirt freshman Brynn Eshoo. Cartwright started every game last season, averaging 10.5 points and scoring in double figures in each of the final seven games. The 2025–26 roster features seven transfers: RyLee Grays (Virginia), Abby Jegede (Northeastern), Teresa Seppala (Siena), Layla-J Cameron (Dodge City CC), Hannah Riddick (Memphis), Shamaryah Duncan (North Texas), and Laura Di Stefano (Salt Lake CC). Tulsa also welcomes five true freshmen, including Haven Fisher, Alisha Peavy, Gina Nikola Pirjak, Josie Megehee, and Dora Toman.

2025-26 Preseason American Predicted Finish (by Coaches): eighth

2025-26 Preseason American Individual Honors (by Coaches): Mady Cartwright (second team)

2024-25 Record: 17-15, 11-7 American (5th); played in WNIT first round

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: NR / Coaches: NR / NCAA NET: 141





Baha Mar Hoops

Team Preseason Snapshots

Baha Mar Hoops Nassau Championship - Junkanoo Division (Women)

Clemson

Clemson enters its second season under the leadership of head coach Shawn Poppie. Last season, Clemson won six ACC games in a season for the fourth time in the past 21 seasons and 14 games in a season for the fifth time since 2004. Versatile combo guard Mia Moore returns after averaging 10.8 ppg and 5.5 rpg, while shooting a team-best .412 from behind the arc in her first season in Clemson. Wake Forest transfer Demeara Hinds led Wake in rebounding the last two years and added 9.3 ppg while connecting on 51.5 percent of her field goals. Clemson is one of four schools to have won an ACC tournament game in six out of the past seven seasons.

2025-26 Preseason ACC Predicted Finish (by Coaches): 11th

2024-25 Record: 14-6, 6-12 ACC (T-12th)

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: NR / Coaches: NR / NCAA NET: 63



Michigan State

In her second season at the helm of the Spartans, head coach Robyn Fralick led MSU to its second-straight 20-win season. Michigan State also reached the second-round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 2018-19 season. MSU brings back eight returners from last season's squad that went 22-10, including All-Big Ten honorees Grace VanSlooten and Theryn Hallock, two of its top three scorers from a year ago. Van Slooten led the team in scoring, averaging 15.5 ppg, while Hallock was third with 13.3 ppg. Michigan State brings in seven newcomers with four transfer and three freshmen. The Spartans enter the AP and ESPN Coaches Poll at No. 23.

2025-26 Preseason Big Ten Predicted Finish (by Coaches): only top five ranked; not among top five

2025-26 Preseason Big Ten Individual Honors (by Coaches): Grace VanSlooten

2024-25 Record: 22-10, 11-7 Big Ten (T-5th); reached NCAA second round

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: RV / Coaches: NR / NCAA NET: 21



Temple

Temple is coming off back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time since 2014-16. The Owls return eight players from the 2024-25 squad, including American Athletic Conference Sixth Player of the Year Kaylah Turner. Turner was also named to the American Athletic Conference Preseason First Team. Saniyah Craig is a key transfer for the Owls, having finished the 2024-25 season ranked ninth in the country in rebounds (11.4 per game). Freshman Anastasia Bulanova adds international experience, averaging 16.8 points, 12.1 rebounds, and over two blocks and steals per game for BC Enisey in Russia.

2025-26 Preseason American Predicted Finish (by Coaches): fourth

2025-26 Preseason American Individual Honors (by Coaches): Kaylah Turner (first team)

2024-25 Record: 20-11, 13-5 American (4th)

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: NR / Coaches: NR / NCAA NET: 98



Western Carolina

Western Carolina women's basketball enters the new season with a fresh blend of experience and new talent under head coach Jonathan Tsipis. The Catamounts return four players from last year's squad, including sophomore guard Taj Hunter, who led the team in minutes, and junior Kehinde Obasuyi, the top returning scorer (7.2 ppg) and assist leader (2.2 apg). Senior center Grace Pack anchors the frontcourt as the leading rebounder (5.1 rpg) and shot-blocker. WCU also welcomes four transfers, including Ally Hollifield (Memphis), Betsey Burnett (Johnson C. Smith), Joyce Mulumba (Sacramento City College), and Ary Dizon, who returns to Cullowhee after a stint at Cal State Bakersfield. With five freshmen rounding out the roster, the Catamounts look to build on last year's 10-win non-conference campaign — their best in a decade.

2025-26 Preseason SoCon Predicted Finish (by Coaches): seventh

2024-25 Record: 13-17, 3-11 SoCon (T-7th)

2024-25 Final Ranking: AP: NR / Coaches: NR / NCAA NET: 255

