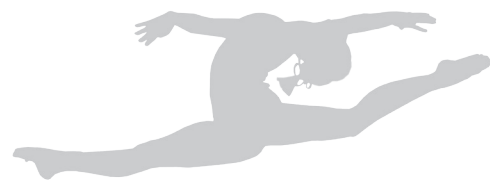


# OKLAHOMA



## WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

WEEK 1 - NO. 4 OKLAHOMA VS. NO. 11 ARKANSAS  
7 P.M. (CT) | LLOYD NOBLE CENTER | NORMAN, OKLA.

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### OKLAHOMA SOONERS (0-0, 0-0 BIG 12)

2011 TROESTER PRE-SEASON RANKING: No. 4  
2010 TROESTER FINAL RANKINGS  
Team: 197.250 (Second)  
Vault: 49.415 (T-First) | Bars: 49.295 (Second)  
Beam: 49.380 (First) | Floor: 49.355 (Fourth)

### ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

2011 TROESTER PRE-SEASON RANKING: No. 11  
2010 TROESTER RANKINGS  
Team: 195.600 (11th)  
Vault: 49.225 (11th) | Bars: 49.110 (13th)  
Beam: 49.080 (Ninth) | Floor: 49.190 (12th)

### AT A GLANCE:

Oklahoma opens its 2011 season ranked No. 4 in the country as the Sooners host No. 11 Arkansas on Friday at the Lloyd Noble Center at 7 p.m. Both teams finished the 2010 season at the NCAA Championships. OU finished a program-best second place in its first Super Six appearance while the Razorbacks finished 11th.

Friday marks the eighth meeting between the two programs, OU holds a 5-2 series lead over Arkansas. In the last meeting, the Sooners topped the Razorbacks in Fayetteville, Ark., 197.475-196.100, on March 19, 2010 to finish their regular season undefeated.

The meet also marks the second-straight year that OU has opened the season at home. The Sooners are a combined 28-2 at home under head coach K.J. Kindler and have gone undefeated at home in the regular season in three of Kindler's four seasons at OU.

The Sooners are 35-28 all-time in season openers and are 4-2 under Kindler. OU opened last season with an upset over No. 4 Florida in Norman. Then-ranked No. 9 OU posted a team score of 196.250, topping Florida's 195.275.

## SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
<b>JAN. 7</b>	<b>ARKANSAS</b>	<b>LLOYD NOBLE CENTER</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Jan. 14	@ N.C. State	Raleigh, N.C.	7 p.m.
<b>JAN. 21</b>	<b>OREGON STATE, DENVER &amp; CENTENARY</b>	<b>LLOYD NOBLE CENTER</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Jan. 23	@ TWU	Denton, Texas	4 p.m.
Jan. 28	@ Washington	Seattle, Wash.	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	@ Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	2 p.m.
Feb. 11	@ Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	7 p.m.
<b>FEB. 18</b>	<b>MISSOURI</b>	<b>LLOYD NOBLE CENTER</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
Feb. 26	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	4 p.m.
<b>March 4</b>	<b>OHIO STATE, ILLINOIS &amp; TWU</b>	<b>LLOYD NOBLE CENTER</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>March 11</b>	<b>MICHIGAN STATE</b>	<b>LLOYD NOBLE CENTER</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
March 19	Big 12 Championships	Columbia, Mo.	2 p.m.
April 2	NCAA Regional Championships	Norman, Okla.	4 p.m.
April 15-17	NCAA Championships	Cleveland, Ohio	TBA

### ON THE WEB

OU's home meets can be seen via a live web cast with commentary from Sooner All-American Kasie Tamayo and Phillip Rogers on Oklahoma All-Access, SoonerSports.com's premium site. Live stats for all meets can be found on SoonerSports.com.

### TICKETS

For tickets, call (405) 325-2424 or toll-free (800) 456-GoOU. Tickets can also be purchased at the main ticket office in Gaylord Family Oklahoma Memorial Stadium or at the Lloyd Noble Center on the day of the meet.

### PRACTICE POLICY

Practices are held at the Sam Viersen Center, directly north and across the street (Imhoff) from the Lloyd Noble Center. Practices are typically open to media. However, those who wish to attend must obtain clearance through Leslie Koch in the Athletics Communications Office prior to the start of practice. Practice generally runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The best time to conduct interviews is immediately following practice.

### CREDENTIAL REQUESTS

Media credentials for home contests at the Lloyd Noble Center should be requested no later than one day prior to the event. Credentials will be issued to working media only. All requests should be directed to Leslie Koch in the Athletics Communications Office at (405) 325-8413 or by e-mail to lesali@ou.edu.

### POST-MEET INFORMATION

Post-meet interviews will take place on the main floor of the Lloyd Noble Center after head coach K.J. Kindler dismisses her athletes. Official score sheets will be available at the scorer's table.

### MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Non-postmeet interview requests for athletes and coaches must be arranged through Leslie Koch in the Athletics Communications Office. All requests should be submitted at least one day in advance of the desired interview time.



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# OKLAHOMA SOONERS

NAME	HT.	YEAR	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)	CLUB	PRONUNCIATION
Bruce, Hope	5-2	Fr.	McKinney, Texas (Indiana University HS)	Denton Gymnastics Academy	
Cindell, Candace	5-5	R-Jr.	Frisco, Texas (Frisco HS)	Kurt Thomas Gymnastics	sin-DELL
Ferguson, Megan	4-11	Jr.	Olathe, Kan. (Blue Valley HS)	Eagles Gymnastics	
Kelley, Natasha	5-4	R-So.	Katy, Texas (Home schooled)	Cypress Academy	
Mooring, Madison	5-2	Fr.	Sallisaw, Okla. (Bixby HS)	Dynamo Gymnastics	more-ing
Nowak, Kayla	5-2	So.	Algonquin, Ill. (Huntley HS)	Illinois Gymnastics Institute	no-VAK
Olson, Brie	5-2	So.	St. Cloud, Minn. (Rocori HS)	Ultimate Gymnastics	BREE
Ramaswami, Nitya	5-4	So.	Ames, Iowa (Ames HS)	Success Gymnastics	knih-t-YUH ROM-uh-swam-ee
Ratcliff, Natalie	5-5	Sr.	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley NW HS)	GAGE	
Root, Melanie	5-3	Sr.	Cartersville, Ga. (Cartersville HS)	Cartersville Twisters	
Spears, Taylor	5-0	Fr.	Plano, Texas (Allen HS)	WOGA	
Stone, Sara	5-4	Jr.	Dallas, Texas (Spring Creek Academy)	Metroplex Gymnastics	
Ward, Hayden	5-5	Fr.	Norman, Okla. (Norman North HS)	Dynamo Gymnastics	

## COACHING STAFF

K.J. Kindler – Head Coach (Fifth Year) | Lou Ball – Assistant Coach (Fifth Year) | Tom Haley – Assistant Coach (Fifth Year)



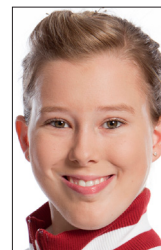
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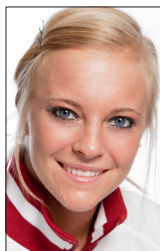
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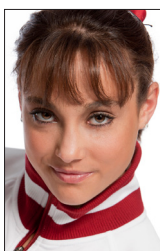
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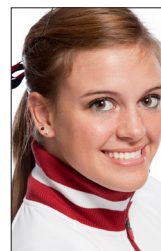
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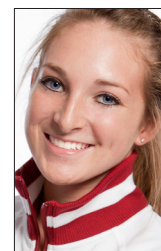
MELANIE ROOT



TAYLOR SPEARS



SARA STONE



HAYDEN WARD

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## GYMNAST TO WATCH .....



Returning for the Sooners is two-time All-American Megan Ferguson. The Olathe, Kan., native, enters her junior season with a career-high 9.925 on both bars and floor and a 9.95 on beam. Ferguson won five event titles in 2010, which leads OU's returnees.

MEGAN  
FERGUSON

## CURRENT RANKINGS .....

RANK	TEAM	POINTS	1ST PLACE VOTES
1	UCLA	1035	32
2	Alabama	950	3
3	Florida	948	3
<b>4</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>2</b>
5	Utah	853	1
6	Stanford	818	1
7	Georgia	749	
8	Oregon State*	702	
9	Michigan*	696	
10	Nebraska*	691	
11	Arkansas*	648	
12	LSU	647	
13	Missouri*	479	
14	Penn State	456	
15	Auburn	415	
16	Denver*	361	
17	Illinois*	333	
18	Boise State	311	
19	Arizona	274	
20	Southern Utah	195	
21	Washington*	191	
22	Iowa State*	114	
23	Minnesota	109	
24	Kentucky	102	
25	Arizona State	100	

\* - Denotes OU's regular season opponents.

### GYMINFO RANKING SCHEDULE:

Through Feb. 7, the teams are ranked by total season average. Beginning Feb. 14, the ranking is done by Regional Qualifying Score which consists of a team's three highest road scores and the next three highest scores. The high score is subtracted from the six event totals and the remaining amount is divided by five.

## ROTATION SCHEDULE .....

ROTATION	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR
1	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	Arkansas		
2	Arkansas	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>		
3			<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	Arkansas
4			Arkansas	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>

## ALL-TIME SERIES HISTORY .....

YEAR	LOCATION	RESULT	OU	UA	MARGIN
2010	Fayetteville	W	197.475	196.100	+1.375
2009	NCAA	L	195.825	196.475	-0.65
2009	Norman	L	195.625	196.900	-1.275
2008	NCAA	W	196.075	195.825	+0.25
2008	Fayetteville	W	196.750	196.625	+0.125
2006	NCAA	W	195.525	194.375	+1.15
2005	NCAA	W	195.500	193.950	+1.55

## OKLAHOMA NOTES .....

### CLOSER LOOK AT THE MATCHUP

Oklahoma and Arkansas are two of the 12 programs that qualified for the 2010 NCAA Championships last April.

Oklahoma won the NCAA South Central regional to advance to the championships before qualifying for its first ever NCAA Super Six and finishing a program-best second place. The Sooners finished with a team score of 197.250, trailing only UCLA at 197.725. OU's second-place finish was the highest by a Big 12 program in NCAA history.

Arkansas finished second at the NCAA West regional behind eventual national champion UCLA to qualify for the NCAA championships. Arkansas finished fifth in the afternoon qualifying session with a 195.600, and finished 11th overall.

### CLOSER LOOK AT OKLAHOMA IN 2011

Oklahoma starts the season ranked No. 4 nationally, the highest preseason ranking in program history. The back-to-back-to-back Big 12 Champions return nine members of the record-breaking 2010 squad, as the team looks to make its second-straight NCAA Super Six in 2011.

Headlining OU's returnees are Megan Ferguson and Natasha Kelley. Ferguson is a two-time All-American and was named All-Big 12 on both bars and beam in 2010. Kelley was named the 2010 Big 12 Newcomer of the Year and All-Big 12 on vault and bars. The redshirt sophomore enters the 2011 season with a career-high 9.925 on vault and 9.9 on both bars and beam.

## QUICK FACTS .....

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location .....	Norman, Okla.
Enrollment .....	30,092
Founded.....	1890
President.....	David L. Boren
VP/Athletics Director.....	Joe Castiglione
Nickname.....	Sooners
Colors .....	Crimson & Cream
Conference .....	Big 12
Arena .....	Lloyd Noble Center
Capacity .....	12,000
OU's All-Time Record .....	498-318-4

### TEAM INFORMATION

2010 Overall Record .....	29-3
2010 High Score .....	197.950
Big 12 Finish.....	First
NCAA Finish.....	Second
Letterwinners Returning/Lost .....	9/6
All-Americans Returning/Lost.....	1/3

### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach .....	K.J. Kindler
Year .....	Fifth Season
Alma Mater .....	Iowa State, 1992
Record at OU .....	94-36-2
Career Record .....	152-62-3
Assistant Coach .....	Lou Ball
Year .....	Fifth Season
Alma Mater .....	Iowa State, 1999
Assistant Coach .....	Tom Haley
Year .....	Fifth Season
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## MARCH-IN ORDER .....

NAME	HEIGHT	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Hope Bruce	5-2	Fr.	McKinney, Texas
Madison Mooring	5-2	Fr.	Sallisaw, Okla.
Taylor Spears	5-0	Fr.	Plano, Texas
Hayden Ward	5-5	Fr.	Norman, Okla.
Natasha Kelley	5-4	R-So.	Katy, Texas
Kayla Nowak	5-2	So.	Algonquin, Ill.
Brie Olson	5-2	So.	St. Cloud, Minn.
Nitya Ramaswami	5-4	So.	Ames, Iowa
Candace Cindell	5-5	R-Jr.	Frisco, Texas
Megan Ferguson	4-11	Jr.	Olathe, Kan.
Sara Stone	5-4	Jr.	Dallas, Texas
Natalie Ratcliff	5-5	Sr.	Overland Park, Kan.
Melanie Root	5-3	Sr.	Cartersville, Ga.

The Sooners welcome four newcomers for the 2011 season. Hope Bruce and Taylor Spears joined the team in the summer of 2010, while Madison Mooring and Hayden Ward began training with the team in December.

### HOME SWEET HOME

The Sooners are 28-2 in Norman under fifth-year head coach K.J. Kindler. OU's only two losses at home have come against SEC opponents in Alabama and Arkansas. Top-seeded Alabama knocked off the Sooners en route to the NCAA South Central Regional title in 2008, while OU's loss to Arkansas in the 2009 home opener marked Oklahoma's only regular season home defeat in Kindler's tenure.

Among the 61 home wins since 2000 are notable victories over then-ranked No. 1 Alabama and then-No. 4 Florida in 2010 as well as wins over Auburn, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa State, Missouri, Nebraska, Penn State, Stanford and West Virginia.

### REGULAR SEASON SENSATIONS

Oklahoma is 55-6 in the regular season under Kindler. The Sooners finished the 2010 regular season as the only undefeated team in the NCAA at 14-0. OU has gone undefeated in the regular season twice in the past three seasons.

### TOP-NOTCH SCHEDULING

The Sooners face nine teams currently ranked in the preseason top 25, including three top 10 teams and five programs that competed at the 2010 NCAA Championships. CollegeGymFans.com recently ranked OU at No. 10 nationally in strength of schedule.

### COACHES SWEEP

The Oklahoma coaching staff swept the 2010 national coaching awards. Head Coach K.J. Kindler was named National Head Coach of the Year, South Central Region Coach of the Year and Big 12 Coach of the Year. OU's assistant coaches Lou Ball and Tom Haley were named National Co-Assistant Coaches of the Year and South Central Region Co-Assistant Coaches of the Year.

Last season Kindler also made coaching history, becoming the only head coach in the NCAA to take two separate programs to the NCAA Super Six (Iowa State - 2006, Oklahoma - 2010).

### IN ELITE COMPANY

Oklahoma is one of just five programs to advance to the NCAA Championships every year since 2004. OU joins Alabama, Florida, LSU and Utah on the elite list.

### 2011 SIGNING CLASS

K.J. Kindler announced the signing of five gymnasts to join OU's roster in 2011. Madison Mooring and Hayden Ward joined the team in December for the 2011 season, while Erica Brewer, Rebecca Clark and Haley Sorensen join Oklahoma in the summer of 2011.

## HEAD COACH K.J. KINDLER .....



K.J. KINDLER

HEAD COACH -- FIFTH YEAR

- Career Record: 152-62-3
- Record at OU: 94-36-2

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- Head Coach (Oklahoma, 2006-Present)
- Head Coach (Iowa State, 2001-2006)
- Assistant Coach (Iowa State, 1992-2001)

## CAREER COACHING HIGHLIGHTS .....

- Only head coach in NCAA women's gymnastics history to lead two separate programs to the NCAA Super Six (Oklahoma in 2010, Iowa State in 2006).
- Named National Coach of the Year, South Central Regional Coach of the Year and Big 12 Coach of the Year in 2010.
- Has earned Big 12 Coach of the Year five times (2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010)
- Has led OU to seven-straight NCAA Championship Appearances and three-straight Big 12 Championships.
- Coached OU to two undefeated regular seasons in the last three years.
- OU is 28-2 in home meets under Kindler. The Sooners have gone undefeated at home during the regular season in three of Kindler's four seasons.
- Has coached 12 NCAA Individual Championships qualifiers and 32 All-Americans during her career.
- Has coached a combined 32 Big 12 champions in her career.

## CHAMPIONS IN THE CLASSROOM

For the fourth-straight season, five Sooners earned National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches All-American Scholar Athlete Awards. Nitya Ramaswami finished the academic year with a 4.0 in chemical engineering, she was one of just 67 gymnasts in the country and was the only gymnast in the Big 12 to finish with a 4.0.

## FOLLOW THE SOONERS

The OU gymnastics program maintains its own Facebook, YouTube and Twitter accounts, which are updated frequently with all of the latest news about the squad. Links to each of these pages as well as a behind-the-scenes blog can be found at [www.SoonerSports.com](http://www.SoonerSports.com), the official site of the Oklahoma Sooners.

## TEAM RECORDS .....

EVENT	SCORE	DATE SET
Total.....	197.950.....	March 5, 2010
Vault .....	49.575.....	March 2, 2002
Bars.....	49.550.....	March 14, 2003
Beam .....	49.675.....	March 14, 2003
Floor.....	49.675.....	March 7, 2003

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS .....

EVENT	SCORE	GYMNAST, DATE SET
All-Around .....	39.700 .....	Kasie Tamayo, 2004
Vault .....	10.0 .....	Sara Stone, 2010
.....	.....	Kiara Redmond, 2008
.....	.....	Kiara Redmond, 2007
.....	.....	Leah Mueller, 2002
.....	.....	Amber McCracken, 2000
Bars.....	10.0 .....	Erin LaBarr, 2005
.....	.....	Allison Landis, 2003
Beam .....	10.0 .....	Kasie Tamayo, 2002
.....	.....	Kelly Garrison, 1988
Floor.....	10.0 .....	Patricia Aoki, 2003

## 2010 FINAL RQS AVERAGE AND NATIONAL RANKINGS

### VAULT

RANK	TEAM	RQS	AVERAGE	HIGH SCORE
1	Alabama	49.415	49.355	49.650
-	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<b>49.415</b>	<b>49.265</b>	<b>49.500</b>
3	UCLA	49.390	49.273	49.500
4	Florida	49.355	49.255	49.425
5	Nebraska	49.295	49.181	49.400
6	Penn State	49.275	49.142	49.500
7	Utah	49.270	49.165	49.350
8	LSU	49.260	49.138	49.375
9	Michigan	49.245	49.117	49.400
10	Georgia	49.235	49.133	49.475

### BEAM

RANK	TEAM	RQS	AVERAGE	HIGH SCORE
<b>1</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<b>49.380</b>	<b>49.185</b>	<b>49.500</b>
2	Georgia	49.300	49.054	49.550
3	Alabama	49.265	49.184	49.425
4	UCLA	49.215	48.900	49.650
-	Florida	49.215	49.084	49.475
6	Oregon State	49.170	48.975	49.325
7	Michigan	49.150	48.719	49.450
8	LSU	49.145	48.890	49.250
9	Arkansas	49.080	49.006	49.350
10	Illinois	49.060	48.702	49.175

### UNEVEN BARS

RANK	TEAM	RQS	AVERAGE	HIGH SCORE
1	UCLA	49.320	49.263	49.550
<b>2</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<b>49.295</b>	<b>49.194</b>	<b>49.425</b>
3	Alabama	49.290	49.098	49.475
4	Georgia	49.245	49.167	49.450
5	Florida	49.240	49.105	49.525
6	Stanford	49.225	49.096	49.350
7	Oregon State	49.215	48.971	49.400
8	LSU	49.185	48.985	49.325
9	Penn State	49.170	48.973	49.350
10	Michigan	49.145	48.975	49.200
-	Illinois	49.145	48.700	49.450

### FLOOR

RANK	TEAM	RQS	AVERAGE	HIGH SCORE
1	UCLA	49.405	49.085	49.475
2	Alabama	49.390	49.241	49.475
3	Stanford	49.365	49.191	49.575
<b>4</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<b>49.355</b>	<b>49.252</b>	<b>49.625</b>
5	Oregon State	49.320	49.158	49.475
6	Georgia	49.290	49.065	49.575
7	Florida	49.275	49.184	49.450
8	Utah	49.265	49.183	49.550
9	Missouri	49.200	48.952	49.500
-	Michigan	49.200	49.063	49.325

## 2010 HIGHS & CAREER HIGHS

GYMNAST	2010 SEASON HIGHS					CAREER HIGHS				
	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	AA	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	AA
Candace Cindell	-	-	9.75*	-	-	-	-	9.75*	-	-
Megan Ferguson	-	9.925	9.95	9.925	-	-	9.925	9.95	9.925	-
Natasha Kelley	9.925	9.9	9.9	-	-	9.925	9.9	9.9	-	-
Kayla Nowak	9.75	9.825	9.85	9.925	39.050	9.75	9.825	9.85	9.925	39.050
Brie Olson	9.9	9.9	-	-	-	9.9	9.9	-	-	-
Nitya Ramaswami	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natalie Ratcliff	9.9	-	9.85	-	-	9.9	-	9.875	-	-
Melanie Root	9.9	9.85	-	-	-	9.9	9.875	-	9.75	-
Sara Stone	10	-	-	9.85	-	10	-	-	9.85	-