# **OKLAHOMA SOONERS (0-0)**

Head Coach: Lon Kruger Record at OU: 111-57 (6th Year)



VS.



# **NORTHWESTERN STATE (0-1)**

Head Coach: Mike McConathy Record at NSU: 267-261 (18th Year)

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016 ■ 4 p.m. CT ■ Norman, Okla. ■ Lloyd Noble Center (11,562) ■ TV: SoonerSports.TV ■ Radio: Sooner Radio Network

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- # Tire Pros Invitational (Orlando, Fla.)
- \$ All-College Basketball Classic (Oklahoma City)
- ! Birthday of Basketball (Uncasville, Conn.)
- % Big 12/SEC Challenge
- ^ Kansas City, Mo.

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OKTAHOMA SKORARTE STAKTERS						
No.	Name	Position	Class	Height	Weight	Hometown (Last School)
10	Jordan Woodard	G	Sr.	6-0	187	Arcadia, Okla. (Edmond Memorial HS)
3	Christian James	G	So.	6-4	218	Houston, Texas (Bellaire HS)
1	Rashard Odomes	G	So.	6-6	212	Copperas Cove, Texas. (Copperas Cove HS)
11	Kristian Doolittle	F	Fr.	6-7	236	Edmond, Okla. (Edmond Memorial HS)
12	Khadeem Lattin	F	Jr.	6-9	212	Houston, Texas (Redemption Christian Home School Aca.)

No.	Name	Position	Class	Height	Weight	Hometown (Last School)
40	Richard Anderson	G	Fr.	6-2	180	Midwest City, Okla. (Midwest City HS)
21	Dante Buford	F	R-So.	6-7	221	Greenville, S.C. (Arlington Country Day School [Fla.]
25	C.J. Cole	F	Sr.	6-7	245	Sperry, Okla. (Sperry HS)
5	Matt Freeman	F	R-Fr.	6-10	224	Auckland, New Zealand (Westlake Boys HS)
22	Daniel Harper	G	Sr.	6-1	190	Norman, Okla. (Norman HS
20	Kameron McGusty	G	Fr.	6-5	191	Katy, Texas (Sunrise Christian Academy [Kan.]
4	Jamuni McNeace	С	R-So.	6-10	215	Kankakee, III. (Allen HS
15	Grant Quinn	G	Fr.	6-4	185	Argyle, Texas (Liberty Christian HS)
13	Jordan Shepard	G	Fr.	6-2	180	Asheville, N.C. (Asheville Christian HS)
0	Darrion Strong-Moore	e G	Jr.	6-1	180	Chicago, Illinois (Coffeyville CC [Kan.]
30	Marshall Thorpe	F	R-Fr.	6-9	235	Tulsa, Okla. (Bishop Kelley HS)

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	Coach	Alma Mater	Year at OU
Head Coach:	Lon Kruger	Kansas State '75	Sixth
Associate Head Coach:	Chris Crutchfield	Nebraska-Omaha '92	Sixth
Assistant Coach:	Carlin Hartman	Tulane '94	First
Assistant Coach:	Kevin Kruger	Arizona State '06	First
Director of Operations:	Mike Shepherd	Kansas State '92	Sixth
Video Coordinator:	Will Saxon	Oklahoma '15	First
Athletics Trainer:	Alex Brown	Appalachian State '79	Thirtieth
Strength and Performance Coach:	Bryce Daub	Central Washington '08	Second

#### **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

ΟΚΙ ΔΗΟΜΑ STAFF

**Khadeem Lattin:** kuh-DEEM LAT-tin **Jamuni McNeace:** juh-MUN-ee mick-NEESE **Rashard Odomes:** ruh-SHARD **Darrion Strong-Moore:** DARE-ee-on

#### **GAMEDAY STORYLINES**

- ▶ The Sooners open the regular season on Sunday when they host Northwestern State at 4 p.m. CT at the Lloyd Noble Center.Oklahoma is 5-0 in season openers under Lon Kruger. Additionally, the Sooners have won 13 consecutive season openers dating back to the 2003-04 season. OU has won 18 straight season openers played at Lloyd Noble Center. Its last loss when opening the season at home came in 1993 (84-83 to Massachusetts).
- ▶ Oklahoma has won 122 of its last 127 non-conference games at LNC, including 56 of its last 58. The Sooners are 57-14 against non-conference opponents under Lon Kruger, including 30-2 at home.
- ▶ Sunday will be the regular-season debut of Kruger's latest class. Oklahoma welcomes in seven newcomers to the Sooner basketball program, including junior college transfer **Darrion Strong** from Coffeyville Community College in Kansas. He'll be joined by the incoming class of freshmen **Kristian Doolittle, Kameron McGusty** and **Jordan Shepherd**. Freshman **Matt Freeman** joined the Sooners midway through the 2015-16 season as a redshirt after finishing high school in his home country of New Zealand, and will be elligble to play in 2016-17. Walk-on freshmen **Richard Anderson, Grant Quinn** and **Marshall Thorpe** round out the group of newcomers. Media outlets such as ESPN, USA Today and 247 Sports have regarded OU's incoming freshman class as a top-30 recruting class nationally.
- ▶ Oklahoma enters the 2016-17 season with a roster that features 11 underclassmen the most of any roster in Kruger's six seasons at OU.

# TONIGHT'S OPPONENT: NORTHWESTERN STATE



#### **SERIES HISTORY**

Games
At Norman5-0
At Opponent Site 0-0
At Neutral Site 0-0
Last Win96-73 (11/23/14 in Norman)
Last Home Win
Last Road Win
Last Loss
Last Home Loss
Last Road Loss
Largest Margin of Victory 36, 98-62 (1/12/85) Largest Margin of Defeat
Current StreakOU, 5 wins

#### **RECENT MEETINGS**

Date	Location	Result	Score
1/12/85	Norman	W	98-62
11/14/99	Norman	W	75-55
12/31/11	Norman	W	83-63
11/30/12	Norman	W	69-65
11/23/14	Norman	W	90-68

#### NEXT OPPONENT: TULANE



Date and Time	Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. CT
Site HP Field	House, Kissimmee, Fla.
TV	ESPNU
2016-17 Record	0-1
Head Coach	Mike Dunleavy Sr.
Record at Tulane	0-1

#### **RECENT MEETINGS**

Date	Location	Result	Score
12/30/47	New Orleans	L	32-49
11/25/01	Hilo, Hawaii	W	83-69

#### **SERIES HISTORY**

Games	2
Standing	Tied 1-1
At Norman	0-0
At Opponent Site	0-1
At Neutral Site	1-0
Last Win 83-69 (11/25)	/01 in Hilo, Hawaii)
Last Home Win	
Last Road Win	
Last Loss	
Last Home Loss	
Last Road Loss	32-49 (12/30/47)
Largest Margin of Victory 14	1, 83-69 (11/25/01)
Largest Margin of Defeat 17	7, 32-49 (12/30/47)
Current Streak	OII 1 win

#### **GAME OVERVIEW**

Oklahoma opens the 2016-17 regular seson with a Sunday matinee against Northwestern State. The season opener will tip at 4 p.m. CT at the Lloyd Noble Center. OU (0-0), which went 29-8 last season (12-6 Big 12; third place) and made the school's fifth Final Four, is starting its sixth season under head coach **Lon Kruger**. Northwestern State (0-1) is coming off of an 8-20 season under **Mike McConathy** (18th year). Sunday's contest will air on the Sooner Radio Network (KRXO 107.7 FM "The Franchise" in Oklahoma City; KTBZ 1430 AM in Tulsa) with **Toby Rowland** and **Kevin Henry** announcing. The game will be televised by Sooner Sports TV (SoonerSports.TV) with **Chad McKee, Bryndon Manzer** and **Jessica Coody** calling the action.

STATS COMPARISON (2015-16)				
CATEGORY	Ð			
Overall Record	29-8	8-20		
Points Per Game	79.7	79.4		
Opp. Points Per Game	71.1	86.2		
Rebounds Per Game	38.3	32.8		
Rebounding Margin	+2.1	-6.6		
Field Goal Pct.	.458	.456		
Opp. Field Goal Pct.	.412	.484		
3-Point Pct.	.422	.358		
Opp. 3-Point Pct.	.337	.349		
Free Throw Pct.	.722	.766		
Assists Per Game	14.5	.710		
Turnovers Per Game	13.1	14.5		
Blocked Shots Per Game	5.1	13.9		
Steals Per Game	6.7	6.2		

#### **OKLAHOMA VS. NORTHWESTERN STATE SERIES HISTORY**

- ▶ OU is 5-0 all-time against Northwestern State. The two teams have met three times during the **Lon Kruger** era with Oklahoma winning the three matchups by an average margin of 15.3 points.
- ▶ In their most recent meeting (Nov. 23, 2014), the Sooners outscored the Demons, 50-30, in the opening half and claimed a 90-68 win at the Lloyd Noble Center. **Jordan Woodard**, a sophomore at the time, finished with 13 points, nine assists, five rebounds and one steal in 30 minutes.
- ▶ The Sooners are 8-1 against current members of the Southland Conference under Kruger. Oklahoma went 3-0 against Southland schools in 2015-16 season, defeating McNeese State (85-56, Nov. 20), Incarnate Word (96-63, Nov. 24) and Central Arkansas (111-68, Dec. 3). OU's lone Kruger-era loss to a Southland member came on Dec. 18, 2012 to Stephen F. Austin (55-56).

#### **OKLAHOMA'S LAST TIME OUT...**

Oklahoma 84, Washburn 64 (Exhibition) ■ Tuesday, Nov. 8 ■ Lloyd Noble Center ■ Norman, Okla.

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
Washburn	41	23	64
Oklahoma	42	42	84

<b>GAME LEADERS</b>	OKLAHOMA	WASHBURN
Points	James, 16	Skeens, 14
Rebounds	James & McNeace, 8	Skeens, 7
Assists	James, 6	Skeens, Smith, 3

- After a closely-contested first half where neither team led by more than six points, Washburn went ahead 50-47 five minutes into the second half. In the final 15 minutes, Oklahoma outscored the Ichabods 37-14 while shooting 13-of-21 (.619). The Sooners held WU to 5-of-17 (.294) shooting in that 15-minute stretch while forcing 11 Ichabod turnovers.
- ▶ Leading 61-56 with 9:34 to play, Oklahoma went on a 12-0 run and held Washburn scoreless for over a five-and-a-half minute stretch. The Ichabods missed four shots and gave the ball up six times on turnovers during the Sooner run.
- ▶ Sophomore guard **Christian James** poured in a game-high 16 points on 5-of-11 shooting while adding eight rebounds and six assists. His 32 minutes were the most of any Sooner.
- ▶ Junior forward **Khadeem Lattin** led the Sooners' second-half offensive efforts, shooting 4-of-5 from the field and scoring eight points in the second period. The junior finished the night with a stat line of 12 points, seven rebounds, three blocks and five steals.
- ▶ Tuesday's exhibition was the OU debut of five newcomers. Freshman guard **Kameron McGusty** led both the newcomers and bench players in scoring with 12 points on 3-of-4 shooting (2-of-3 from 3-point range) in 17 minutes. JUCO transfer **Darrion Strong-Moore** totaled 10 points in 11 minutes in his first game with the Sooners. The junior guard made a quick impact for OU, scoring eight points in his first 1:50 on the court.

## **UP NEXT**

- ▶ Oklahoma heads to the Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla. for the eight-team Tire Pros Invitational. The Sooners open tournament play against Tulane on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m. CT on ESPNU. OU will face either Arizona State or Northern Iowa in the second round. The remaining tournament participants are Clemson, Davidson, Missouri and Xavier.
- ▶ OU previously competed at the Wide World of Sports Complex in 2012 as part of the Old Spice Classic, posting a 2-1 record with wins over UTEP and West Virginia.
- ▶ The Sooners' opening-round matchup with Tulane is their third overall meeting. The all-time series is tied 1-1 with the Sooners defeating the Green Wave, 83-69, in their most recent meeting (Nov. 25, 2001 at the Big Island Invitational in Hilo, Hawaii).

#### **2016-17 BIG 12 STANDINGS**

Through Nov. 12

	-	Big 1	2	0	Overall							
Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.						
Baylor	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000						
Iowa State	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000						
Kansas State	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000						
Oklahoma State	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000						
TCU	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000						
Texas	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000						
Texas Tech	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000						
West Virginia	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000						
Oklahoma	0	0	.000	0	0	.000						
Kansas	0	0	.000	0	1	.000						



# OKLAHOMA QUICK FACTS

Official Name: University of Oklahoma

Location: Norman, Okla.
Founded: 1890
Enrollment: 30,813
Nickname: Sooners
Colors: Crimson and Cream

President: David L. Boren
Athletics Director: Joe Castiglione
Arena: Lloyd Noble Center (11,562)
First Year of Basketball: 1907-08

NCAA Tournament Appearances: 30 (41-30)

NIT Appearances: 7 (10-7)
All-Time Record: 1,623-1,035 (.611)

**Regular Season Conference Championships:** 14 (1928, 1929, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1944, 1947, 1949, 1979, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 2005)

**Conference Tournament Championships:** 7

(1979, 1985, 1988, 1990, 2001, 2002, 2003)

**Head Coach:** Lon Kruger (Kansas State '75)

Career Record: 590-361 (30 years)

Oklahoma Record: 111-57 (5 years)

NCAA Appearances: 17 (most recent 2016)

NIT Appearances: 4 (most recent 2009)
Assistant Coaches: Chris Crutchfield (Nebras ka-Omaha '92), Carlin Hartman (Tulane '94),

Kevin Kruger (Arizona State '06)

**Director of Operations:** Mike Shepherd

(Kansas State '92)

Video Coordinator: Will Saxon Athletic Trainer: Alex Brown

Strength and Conditioning: Bryce Daub Team Physician: Dr. Brock Schnebel Equipment Manager: Marco Griego

Graduate Assistant Managers: Will Bryson,

Byron Peak

Official Website: SoonerSports.com

#### **KRUGER KEEPS BUILDING**

**Lon Kruger** has made his mark in college basketball as one of — if not the best — program rebuilders. Want proof? Look no further than what he's done with Oklahoma.

- ▶ In the two seasons before his hiring, the Sooners went 27-36 (.429) capped by a 10th-place finish in the Big 12 in 2010-11. Since being brought on in 2011, Kruger has led the program to a 111-57 (.661) record, including a 96-41 (.701) mark over the past four seasons.
- ▶ Kruger's OU teams keep improving and have surpassed their win total from each subsequent season, with the 2015-16 squad finishing with a 29-8 record and making a trip to the Final Four. Before his arrival at OU, the Sooners had previously not been to the postseason since 2009 when they advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight.
- ▶ In five seasons at Oklahoma, Kruger has produced four NCAA Tournament appearances, three top-three finishes in the Big 12, a national player of the year in Buddy Hield and a trip to the 2016 Final Four. Oklahoma was ranked in the top 10 of the AP Top 25 poll for every week of the 2015-16 season and made its first

appearance as the poll's No. 1 team for the first time in more than 25 years.

#### WHERE OKLAHOMA RANKS... 2015-16 Season Stats **Offensive Stats** Biq 12 **NCAA** Points 79.7 26 3 Rebounds 38.3 2 67 Assists 14.5 5 91 FG % .458 4 80 3FG% .422 2 FT% 722 4 89 Turnovers 13.1 6 217 **Defensive Stats** Big 12 **NCAA** 71.1 Points Allowed 8 156 Opp. FG% .412 3 54 Opp. 3FG% .337 5 133 6.7 99 Steals 4 25 Blocks 5.1 Opp. Turnovers 12.7 6 173

▶ With 111 wins in his first five seasons at OU, Kruger owns the second most victories in the first five seasons of coaching the Sooners. Only Billy Tubbs accumulated more wins (115) in his first five years at OU. Kruger is the first coach in OU history to win six NCAA tournament games within his first five seasons.

#### **KRUGER CHASING 600**

- ▶ With 590 career victories, Kruger ranks 10th in Division 1 wins among active coaches and 38th overall in NCAA Division I history.
- ► Kruger is the only coach to take five different programs to the NCAA Tournament (Kansas State, Florida, Illinois, UNLV and OU), and he has won at least two tourney games at each.
- ▶ In 2015 he became the first coach since the NCAA Tournament expanded to 64 teams (1985) to take four programs to the Sweet 16 or beyond (Kansas State, Florida, UNLV and OU).
- ▶ Kruger's 16 NCAA tournament appearances are the 10th most among active coaches.

#### WATCHING WOODARD

- ▶ Senior guard **Jordan Woodard** enters Tuesday's game with 105 consecutive collegiate starts. A 2015-16 All-Big 12 honorable mention selection, Woodard was the team's second-leading scorer last season with averages of 13.0 points (10th in Big 12), 3.4 assists (9th), 3.0 rebounds and 1.6 steals (5th) in 29.8 minutes. The Big 12 coaches voted Woodard a preseason All-Big 12 Honorable Mention selection ahead of the 2016-17 season.
- ▶ Woodard has seen remarkable development from season to season particularly from behind the 3-point arc. After shooting 17-for-67 (.254) from 3-point range in 2014-15, Woodard sunk 80 treys on 176 attempts (.455) his junior year to finish second in the Big 12 in 3-point shooting.

WOODARD'S REMARKABLE IMPROVEMENT										
SEASON	PPG	FG%	3FG%	3FGM						
2014-15	9.3	.361	.254	17						
2015-16	11.1	.416	.455	80						

- ▶ In addition to his refined shooting abilities, Woodard boasts a career assist-to-turnover ratio of 1.9. His 3.4 assists per game in 2015-16 ranked ninth in the Big 12 while he limited himself to 60 total turnovers on the season. He was one of just five Big 12 players to dish out at least 120 assists while maintaining an assist-to-turnover ratio of under 2.0.
- ▶ With three seasons of experience in the Sooner starting lineup under his belt, Woodard has already made a dent in the OU record book. With his senior season remaining, the guard aims to climb higher on career leaderboards.

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#### OKLAHOMA IN THE LON KRUGER ERA

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Overall Record	111-57
Home	65-12
Road	23-31
Neutral	23-14
Record in Big 12 Regular Season Play	52-38
Home	
Road	17-28
Record vs. Non-Conference Opponents	57-14
Home	30-2
Road	5-3
Neutral	22-9
vs. AP Top 25	24-29
Home	14-5
Road	5-16
Neutral	5-8
vs. AP Top 15	15-16
Home	8-4
Road	4-7
Neutral	3-5
vs. AP Top 10	8-13
Home	4-4
Road	2-5
Neutral	2-4
vs. AP Top 5	2-7
Home	1-2
Road	0-3
Neutral	1-2
vs. AP Ranked Big 12 Opponents	
Home	
Road	5-16
Neutral	
vs. AP Ranked Non-Conference Opponer	its 4-6
Home	0-0
Road	0-0
Neutral	
Both OU and Opponent are Ranked	18-14
Home	10-1
Road	
Neutral	4-5

#### TEAM HIGHS IN THE LON KRUGER ERA

Points 111 vs	. Central Arkansas, 12/3/15
FG Made	39 vs. Iowa State, 2/9/15
FG Attempted	88 vs. Kansas, 1/4/16
FG Percentage620	(31-50) vs. Baylor, 1/23/16
3FG Made	17 vs. Iowa State, 1/18/16
3FG Attempted	35 vs. Baylor, 3/13/14
3FG Percentage615 (8	3-13) vs. Okla. State, 1/12/13
FT Made	39 vs. Baylor, 2/23/13
FT Attempted	48 vs. Tulsa, 12/14/13
FT Percentage 1.000 (3	34-34) vs. Iowa State, 3/2/13
Total Rebounds	63 vs. S.C. State, 12/21/12
Assists	29 vs. Baylor, 1/23/16
Steals 16 vs.	Sacramento State, 12/2/12
Blocks	.14 vs. Texas Tech, 1/26/16
Opponent Turnovers2	23 by Weber State, 12/22/14

#### PLAYER HIGHS IN THE LON KRUGER ERA

#### **LATTIN BLOCK PARTY**

- ▶ Junior forward **Khadeem Lattin** has already proven himself as one of the top shot blockers in Oklahoma program history. After just two seasons at OU, Lattin ranks sixth in the OU record book in career blocks with 108.
- ▶ Owning a 7-foot-2 wingspan, Lattin averaged a Big 12-best 2.1 blocks per game in 2015-16, including 2.7 rejections in conference play. His efforts did not go unnoticed throughout the league, as he was voted to the Big 12 All-Defensive Team by conference coaches.

<b>OU'S CAREER BLOCKED SHOTS L</b>	EADERS
1. Al Beal	230
2. Stacey King	228
3. Wayman Tisdale	209
4. Johnnie Gilbert	132
5. Ryan Humphrey	114
6. Khadeem Lattin	108

▶ His 77 total blocks ranked 17th in the nation and fifth among players at Power Five schools. The forward registered at least six blocks on five occasions, including a career-best eight blocked shots vs. Texas Tech on Jan. 26.

#### THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

It's known as the house Alvan Adams built and Wayman Tisdale filled. It's also where Billy Tubbs resurrected Oklahoma basketball, where Blake Griffin flew high and where Buddy Hield became Buddy Buckets. Now, Lon Kruger is continuing the remarkable run of Sooner success inside the Lloyd Noble Center.

- ▶ Oklahoma has gone 54-7 (.885) at home in the past four years, including 28-2 (.933) in the last two seasons.
- ▶ The Sooners have won 433 of their last 499 home encounters, good for a remarkable .868 winning percentage. Included in the stretch was a school-record 51-game winning streak (ended in 1990-91). The Sooners also recorded a Big 12 Conference-record 37-game home court winning streak (ended in 2003).
- ▶ OU is 13-6 at home against AP Top 25 opponents in the Kruger era and has won 12 of the last 14 such contests.
- ▶ Oklahoma enters the 2016-17 campaign as winners in 122 of their last 127 non-conference games at LNC, including 56 of its last 58. The Sooners are 30-2 at home against non-conference opponents under Kruger.
- ▶ Overall, the Sooners own a 528-93 (.850) record in the LNC since the building opened in 1975.
- ▶ Student interest in OU basketball has continued to grow through Kruger's tenure. Student attendance has increased by more than 100 percent from Kruger's first season (2011-12). This year, OU student season tickets sold out in less than 24 hours the fastest rate in the OU era.

#### IT'S NOT WHERE YOU START...

For the first time since 2013, the Sooners will start the season unranked in both the AP and Coaches preseason polls. Oklahoma was also voted sixth in the Big 12 Conference's preseason poll – it's lowest preseason projection since 2012. Despite the preseason rankings, OU looks to continue an upward trend of surpassing expectations under Kruger.

- ▶ Oklahoma has finished as well or better than predicted in four of the five seasons under Kruger. In the only exception (2015-16), the Sooners were picked to finish second in the Big 12. While OU ended the 2015-16 regular season with the third best record in the Big 12, the Sooners advanced to the 2016 Final Four the deepest NCAA Tournament run by a Big 12 team that season.
- ▶ The Sooners have also finished the past three seasons with a better ranking in the final AP and Coaches Polls compared to where each poll had pegged them at the start of the year.
- Prior to the 2016 AP preseason poll, the Sooners had received a Top-25 ranking for 36 consecutive weeks. Oklahoma has been ranked in the top 25 in 44 of the past 49 AP polls.

SOONERS	VS. EXPECTAT	TONS							
	Big	12	AP I	Poll	Coaches Poll				
Year	Preseason	Finished	Preseason	Finished	Preseason	Finished			
2011-12	9	8							
2012-13	7	4							
2013-14	5	2		21		27			
2014-15	3	3	19	13	19	13			
2015-16	2	3	8	7	8	4			

#### **SOONER TIP-INS**

- ▶ Christian James will look to continue the upward trend he saw in the 2016 postseason. James averaged 2.9 points and 1.7 rebounds in 9.4 minutes on the season while shooting .426 (29-68) from the floor and .500 (17-34) from beyond the arc. In five NCAA Tournament games, James averaged 4.8 points and 3.6 rebounds in 17.0 minutes, highlighted by a career-high 10 rebounds in the NCAA West Regional Final vs. Oregon on March 26.
- ▶ Sophomore **Rashard Odomes** is another player the Sooners expect to see step up into an enhanced role this season. The guard appeared in 18 total games last season (all off the bench) and averaged 1.9 points and 0.8 rebounds in 6.1 minutes per contest. On the season, he shot .458 (11-24) from the floor. Odomes showed potential early in the season, scoring 15 points against McNeese State (Nov. 20) the most points by a Sooner coming off the bench all season. He saw diminished minutes in conference play due to the experienced upperclassmen at his position, but is expected to see a bigger role in 2016-17.
- ▶ Frontcourt returners include **Dante Buford** and **Jamuni McNeace**. Buford appeared in 36 total games for the Sooners off the bench. He averaged 3.5 points and 1.8 rebounds in 12.3 minutes per contest. McNeace saw action in 27 total games as a redshirt freshman and averaged 1.2 points and 1.4 rebounds in 7.7 minutes per contest while shooting .545 (12-22) from the floor.

# **OKLAHOMA 2015-16 STATISTICS**

					Total		3-Poir	nt	F-Thro	W		Rebou	ınds									
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	а	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
24	Hield, Buddy	37-37	1309	35.4	301-601	.501	147-322	.457	176-200	.880	46	166	212	5.7	76	0	75	113	18	42	925	25.0
10	Woodard, Jordan	37-37	1102	29.8	151-363	.416	80-176	.455	99-123	.805	33	78	111	3.0	89	2	124	60	7	59	481	13.0
11	Cousins, Isaiah	37-37	1234	33.4	169-416	.406	65-158	.411	65-97	.670	23	142	165	4.5	63	1	168	88	10	51	468	12.6
00	Spangler, Ryan	37-37	1215	32.8	146-267	.547	32-88	.364	52-87	.598	93	241	334	9.0	82	0	72	62	20	16	376	10.2
12	Lattin, Khadeem	37-37	815	22.0	88-158	.557	0-1	.000	30-55	.545	76	120	196	5.3	112	4	23	30	77	32	206	5.6
21	Buford, Dante	36-0	442	12.3	39-112	.348	13-40	.325	35-48	.729	20	45	65	1.8	38	0	20	26	10	9	126	3.5
02	Walker, Dinjiyl	37-0	437	11.8	43-125	.344	27-77	.351	9-20	.450	13	40	53	1.4	46	0	29	27	1	17	122	3.3
03	James, Christian	35-0	330	9.4	29-68	.426	17-34	.500	27-35	.771	14	46	60	1.7	34	0	19	25	3	12	102	2.9
30	Manyang, Akolda	25-0	200	8.0	24-51	.471	0-0	.000	15-24	.625	17	35	52	2.1	35	0	0	13	34	2	63	2.5
01	Odomes, Rashard	18-0	109	6.1	11-24	.458	1-3	.333	12-21	.571	5	10	15	8.0	11	0	6	12	1	2	35	1.9
04	McNeace, Jamuni	27-0	207	7.7	12-22	.545	0-0	.000	9-21	.429	14	23	37	1.4	36	0	1	8	8	2	33	1.2
25	Cole, C.J.	11-0	27	2.5	3-6	.500	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0	4	4	0.4	6	0	0	3	0	0	6	0.5
41	Mankin, Austin	8-0	17	2.1	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	2	2	4	0.5	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0.4
14	Alade, Bola	7-0	16	2.3	1-6	.167	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.3	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0.3
22	Harper, Daniel	7-0	15	2.1	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0.0
	Team										50	57	107					12				
	Total	37	7475	·	1018-2225	.458	382-906	.422	530-734	.722	407	1011	1418	38.3	630	7	537	484	189	247	2948	79.7
	Opponents	37	7475		953-2315	.412	278-825	.337	445-656	.678	444	896	1340	36.2	696	-	411	469	118	268	2629	71.1

# **OKLAHOMA 2015-16 BIG 12 STATISTICS**

					Total		3-Poir	nt	F-Thro	W		Rebou	ınds									
##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	а	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
24	Hield, Buddy	18-18	668	37.1	146-302	.483	79-177	.446	77-87	.885	15	84	99	5.5	45	0	44	62	10	20	448	24.9
10	Woodard, Jordan	18-18	571	31.7	72-189	.381	38-93	.409	47-59	.797	13	30	43	2.4	48	1	66	32	5	28	229	12.7
11	Cousins, Isaiah	18-18	628	34.9	80-201	.398	31-77	.403	38-52	.731	13	74	87	4.8	28	1	76	39	3	29	229	12.7
00	Spangler, Ryan	18-18	621	34.5	76-145	.524	17-54	.315	25-41	.610	42	123	165	9.2	40	0	31	35	8	10	194	10.8
12	Lattin, Khadeem	18-18	429	23.8	40-74	.541	0-1	.000	17-27	.630	46	49	95	5.3	62	3	14	21	48	19	97	5.4
21	Buford, Dante	17-0	247	14.5	23-64	.359	8-23	.348	25-35	.714	13	22	35	2.1	21	0	7	8	6	4	79	4.6
02	Walker, Dinjiyl	18-0	222	12.3	23-64	.359	16-38	.421	2-4	.500	10	23	33	1.8	27	0	12	11	1	8	64	3.6
03	James, Christian	17-0	118	6.9	8-19	.421	6-12	.500	7-10	.700	3	16	19	1.1	10	0	6	7	2	8	29	1.7
30	Manyang, Akolda	11-0	70	6.4	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	6	10	16	1.5	15	0	0	5	11	1	11	1.0
04	McNeace, Jamuni	12-0	79	6.6	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	5-10	.500	7	13	20	1.7	16	0	0	3	2	2	11	0.9
01	Odomes, Rashard	6-0	16	2.7	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2-6	.333	0	0	0	0.0	3	0	0	4	0	0	2	0.3
25	Cole, C.J.	1-0	3	3.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
14	Alade, Bola	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
22	Harper, Daniel	2-0	1	0.5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
41	Mankin, Austin	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	Team										20	28	48					7				
	Total	18	3675		475-1077	.441	195-475	.411	248-335	.740	189	472	661	36.7	315	5	256	234	96	129	1393	77.4
	Opponents	18	3675		477-1110	.430	133-365	.364	220-325	.677	211	460	671	37.3	333	-	198	236	56	128	1307	72.6

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#### **#40 RICHARD ANDERSON**

#### 180 FR GUARD

# **MIDWEST CITY, OKLA. (MIDWEST CITY HS)**



2016-17 AVERAGES											
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN							
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▶ **HIGH SCHOOL:** Walk-on freshman from Midwest City, Okla...Valedictorian at Midwest City HS with a 4.0 GPA...Participated in OBCA All-Star Game...An honorable mention selection on the Oklahoman's 2016 Big All-City Team.

#### **CAREER HIGHS**

Points	3-Pt FG Made	FT Attempts	Blocked Shots
FG Made	3-Pt FG Attempts	Rebounds	Steals
FG Attempts	FT Made	Assists	Minutes Played

#### **#21 DANTE BUFORD**

# 6-7 221 R-SO FORWARD GREENVILLE, S.C. (ARLINGTON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL [FLA.])



2016-17 AVERAGES				
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN
-	-	-	-	-

2015-16 AVERAGES				
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN
36-0	3.5	1.8	0.6	12.3

▶ 2015-16: Appeared in 36 games off the bench, the second-most games played by a freshman in program history...Led the Sooner bench in points per game (3.5) and minutes (12.3)...Connected on 13-of-40 (.325) shots from behind the arc...Poured in a season-high 14 points at lowa State (Jan. 18) on perfect 4-for-4 shooting from beyond the 3-point arc...Dished out a career-best four assists vs. CSUB in first round of NCAA Tournament (March 18)... A top-75 national recruit coming out of high school.

#### **CAREER HIGHS**

Points	14 vs. Iowa State (1/18/16)	3-Pt FG Made	4 vs. Iowa State (1/18/16)	FT Attempts	8 vs. West Virginia (1/16/16)	Blocked Shots	2 (three times)
FG Made	4 (twice)	3-Pt FG Attempts	4 (twice)	Rebounds	8 at Memphis (11/17/15)	Steals	2 (twice)
FG Attempts	7 (four times)	FT Made	7 vs. West Virginia (1/16/16)	Assists	4 vs. CSUB (3/18/16)	Minutes Played	23 at Memphis (11/17/15)

#### #25 C.J. COLE

#### 6-7 245 SR FORWARD

#### SPERRY, OKLA. (SPERRY HS)



2016-17 AVERAGES				
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN
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▶ 2015-16: Appeared in 11 games off the bench, averaging 0.5 points and 0.4 rebounds in 2.5 minutes...Named to the Academic All-Big 12 first team...Graduated in May 2016 with a degree in chemical biosciences with a 3.97 GPA...Presented the Elite 90 Award at the 2016 Final Four, given to the student-athlete with the top GPA among Final Four participants.

2015-16 AVERAGES				
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN
11-0	0.4	0.6	0.0	2.5

#### **CAREER HIGHS**

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Points	4 vs. Incarnate Word (11/24/15)	3-Pt FG Made		FT Attempts	2 (five times)	Blocked Shots	
FG Made	2 vs. Incarnate Word (11/24/15)	3-Pt FG Attempts	1 (three times)	Rebounds	3 (twice)	Steals	1 (11/13/13)
FG Attempts	3 vs. Incarnate Word (11/24/15)	FT Made	1 (twice)	Assists	2 (three times)	Minutes Played	8 (twice)

# #11 KRISTIAN DOOLITTLE 6-7

236 FR FORWARD

#### **EDMOND, OKLA. (EDMOND MEMORIAL HS)**



2016-17 AVERAGES				
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN
-	-	-	-	-

▶ HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked as the No. 69 overall player in the 2016 class by ESPN and a four-star recruit by both Scout.com and 247Sports...Rated as the No. 1 high school recruit coming out of the state of Oklahoma by ESPN...Led Edmond Memorial to the Class 6A quarterfinals as a senior, scoring 31 points in the team's final game...As a senior, averaged 24.0 points, 13.0 rebounds and 5.0 assists...Named to the Central Oklahoma Ath-

letic Conference First Team...Named to USA Today's All-USA Oklahoma Team...Named to the Oklahoman's Super Five team...Participated in the 2015 NIKE Global Challenge and averaged 10.8 points, 5.8 rebounds, 1.2 assists and 1.2 steals...Won the Class 6A state title his freshman season alongside current Sooner teammate Jordan Woodard...Older brother Kameron played football at Oklahoma State as a wide receiver.

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Points	3-Pt FG Made	FT Attempts	Blocked Shots
FG Made	3-Pt FG Attempts	Rebounds	Steals
FG Attempts	FT Made	Assists	Minutes Played

# **#5 MATT FREEMAN**

#### 6-7 221 R-FR FORWARD

#### **AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND (WESTLAKE BOYS HS)**



2016-17 AVERAGES				
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN
-	-	-	-	-

▶ HIGH SCHOOL: Joined the Sooners midway through the 2015-16 season as a redshirt after graduating in the fall of 2015...Ranked as a four-star recruit by Rivals.com and earned three stars from both Scout.com and 247Sports...Attended Westlake Boys High School in Auckland, New Zealand where he averaged 31.0 points and 13.0 rebounds in his senior season...Scored a combined 135 points in the final three games of his high school

career...At the 2015 Adidas Global Nations in California he averaged 17.8 points, 3.3 rebounds and 1.5 assists for the Asian Pacific Team...Member of the New Zealand squad which won the 2015 FIBA Under-18 3x3 World Championship finals in Hungary, defeating Argentina in the finals...Born in Auckland, New Zealand.

#### **CAREER HIGHS**

Points	3-Pt FG Made	FT Attempts	Blocked Shots
FG Made	3-Pt FG Attempts	Rebounds	Steals
FG Attempts	FT Made	Assists	Minutes Played

#### **#22 DANIEL HARPER**

#### 6-1 190 SR GUARD

#### NORMAN, OKLA. (NORMAN HS)



2016-17 AVERAGES				
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN
-	-	-	-	-

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0.2

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0.6

MIN

1.9

**2015-16 AVERAGES** 

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GP-GS

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▶ 2015-16: A walk-on guard...In seven games, tallied 15 total minutes for an average of 2.1 per contest...His two steals vs. McNeese State (Nov. 20) marked a career high...Registered a career-high four minutes vs. Central Arkansas (Dec. 3).

# CAREER HIGHS

Points	3 vs. Texas Tech (1/28.15)
Field Goals	1 vs. Texas Tech (1/28/15)
Field Goal Attempts	1 (five times)

3-Point Field Goals	1 vs. Texa	s Tech (1/28/15)
3-Point Field Goal A	ttempts	1 (three times)
Free Throws Made		None

Free Throw Attempts	None
Rebounds	1 (three times)
Assists	1 (twice)

Blocked Shots	None
Steals	2 vs. McNeese State (11/20/15)
Minutes Player	4 vs. UCA (12/3/15)

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#### **#3 CHRISTIAN JAMES**

#### SO GUARD

#### **HOUSTON, TEXAS (BELLAIRE HS)**



2016-17 AVERAGES				
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN
-	-	-	-	-

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2015-16 AVERAGES				
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN
35-0	2.9	1.7	0.5	9.4

▶ 2015-16: Saw action in 35 games – the fourth-most games played by a freshman in OU history...Averaged 2.9 points and 1.7 rebounds in 9.4 minutes per contest...Shot .426 (29-68) from the floor, .500 (17-34) from beyond the arc and .771 (27-35) from the free throw line...Saw an increased role during the Sooners' postseason run, averaging 17.0 minutes in the Big 12 Championship Semifinals and five NCAA Tournament games... In five NCAA Tournament games, averaged 4.8 points and 3.6 rebounds...Pulled down a career-high 10 rebounds in West Regional Final versus Oregon on March 26...Scored in double figures on four occasions: Dec. 3 vs. Central Arkansas (11), Feb. 2 vs. TCU (12), March 11 vs. West Virginia (Big 12 Championship Semifinals, 13) and March 24 vs Texas A&M (NCAA Tournament, 12).

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Points	13 vs. West Virginia (3/11/16)		
FG Made	4 (three times)		
FG Attempts	8 vs. Texas A&M (3/24/16)		

3-Pt FG Made	4 (twice)
3-Pt FG Attempts	6 vs. Texas A&M (3/24/16)
FT Made	5 (twice)

FT Attempts	6 (twice)
Rebounds	10 vs. Oregon (3/26/16)
Assists	3 (twice)

Blocked Shots	1 (three times)
Steals	2 (twice)
Minutes Played	28 vs. Texas A&M (3/24/16)

#### **#12 KHADEEM LATTIN**

#### 6-9 212 JR

#### FORWARD HOUSTON, TEXAS (REDEMPTION CHRISTIAN HOME SCHOOL ACADEMY)



2016-17 AVERAGES							
GP-GS	PTS	PTS REB AST MIN					

2015-16 AVERAGES							
GP-GS	PTS	REB	BLK	MIN			
37-37	5.6	5.3	2.1	22.0			

▶ 2016-17: One of two returning starters from the 2016 Final Four squad...Enters his junior season sixth in program history in career blocked shots with 108.

▶ 2015-16: Started all 37 games for the Sooners, averaging 5.6 points, 5.3 rebounds (3rd on the team, 17th in Big 12) and 2.1 blocks per contest (1st in Big 12)...His 77 blocks in 2015-16 were the third most in school history and helped earn his way onto the Big 12 All-Defensive Team...His 2.1 blocks per game led all Big 12 players...Boasted the highest field goal percentage on the team by shooting 88-of-158 (.557)...Recorded two double-doubles: at Kansas on Jan. 4 (10 points, 14 rebounds) and vs. Kansas State on Jan. 9 (10 points, 10 rebounds)...Averaged 2.7 rejections per game in league contests (led Big 12)...Registered at least six blocks on five occasions...Swatted a career-high eight shots vs. Texas Tech Jan. 26)...Tallied career-high 17 points versus

Hawaii (Dec. 23)...Pulled down a career-best 14 rebounds at Kansas (Jan. 4).

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Points	17 vs. Hawaii (12/23/15)
FG Made	7 vs. Hawaii (12/23/15)
FG Attempts	9 (three times)

3-Pt FG Made	None
3-Pt FG Attempts	1 (Twice)
FT Made	4 (Twice)

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Rebounds	14 vs. Kansas (1/4/16)
Assists	3 vs. Baylor (1/23/16)

Blocked Shots	8 vs. Texas Tech (1/26)
Steals	3 (three times)
Minutes Played	46 vs. Kansas (1/4/16)

#### **#20 KAMERON MCGUSTY**

#### 6-5 191 FR

#### **GUARD**

#### **KATY, TEXAS (SUNRISE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY [KAN.])**



2016-17 AVERAGES							
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN			
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▶HIGH SCHOOL: Ranked as the 33rd and 40th overall recruit by Scout.com and ESPN.com, respectively...247Sports named him the fifth-best shooting guard in the 2016 class and the sixth-best overall recruit from the state of Texas...Ranked as a four-star recruit by Rivals.com and Scout.com...Spent his senior season at Sunrise Christian Academy in Bel Aire, Kan. — the alma mater of former OU guard Buddy Hield...Averaged 22

points, five assists and three rebounds as a junior at Seven Lakes High School in Texas.

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Points	3-Pt FG Made	FT Attempts	Blocked Shots
FG Made FG Attempts	3-Pt FG Attempts FT Made	Rebounds Assists	Steals Minutes Played
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# #4 JAMUNI MCNEACE 6-10 215 R-SO CENTER

**ALLEN, TEXAS (ALLEN HS)** 



2016-17 AVERAGES						
GP-GS	P-GS PTS REB AST MIN					
-	-	-	-	-		

2015-16 AVERAGES					
GP-GS	PTS	REB	BLK	MIN	
27-0	1.2	1.4	0.3	7.7	

▶2015-16: Came off the bench on 27 occasions in, averaging 1.2 points and 1.4 rebounds in 7.7 minutes per contest...Shot .545 (12-22) from the floor and .429 (9-21) from the foul line...Tallied eight blocks and two steals on the season...Played in a season-high 14 minutes on two occasions: March 5 at TCU and March 24 vs. Texas A&M.

#### **CAREER HIGHS**

Points	5 vs. McNeese State (11/20/15)
FG Made	2 (two times)
FG Attempts	3 vs. McNeese State (11/20/15)

3-Pt FG Made	None
3-Pt FG Attempts	None
FT Made	3 vs. TCU (2/2/16)

FT Attempts	4 (two times)
Rebounds	4 (two times)
Assists	1 vs. UCA (12/3/15)

Blocked Shots	2 vs. Texas A&M (3/24/16)
Steals	1 (twice)
Minutes Played	14 (twice)

#### **#1 RASHARD ODOMES**

# 6-6 212 SO

#### GUARD

# **COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS (COPPERAS COVE HS)**



2016-17 AVERAGES				
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN
-	-	-	-	-

2015-16 AVERAGES				
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN
18-0	1.9	0.8	0.3	6.1

▶2015-16: Appeared in 18 games, averaging 1.9 points and 0.8 rebounds in 6.1 minutes per contest...Shot .458 (11-24) from the floor, .333 (1-3) from 3-point range and .571 (12-21) from the free throw line...Registered a season-high 15 points on 6-of-7 shooting at home against McNeese State (Nov. 20) — the most points by a Sooner coming off the bench...His six FGM, seven FGA and 18 minutes in the McNeese State game also marked season highs...Appeared in three postseason games (March 18 vs. CSUB and March 20 vs. VCU, April 2 vs. Villanova).

#### **CAREER HIGHS**

Points	15 vs. McNeese State (11/20/15)
FG Made	6 vs. McNeese State (11/20/15)
FG Attempts	7 vs. McNeese State (11/20/15)

3-PT FG Made	1 vs. McNeese	State (11/20/15)
3-PT FG Attemp	ts	1 (three times)
FT Made	4 vs. Incarnate	Word (11/24/15)
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FT Attempts	6 vs. Incarnate Word (11/24/15)
Rebounds	4 vs. Incarnate Word (11/24/15)
Assists	3 vs. Incarnate Word (11/24/15)

Blocked Shots	1 vs. Villanova (4/2/16)
Steals	1 (twice)
Minutes Played 18 vs	. McNeese State (11/20/15)

#### **#15 GRANT QUINN**

# 6-4 185 FR

#### GUARD

#### **ARGYLE, TEXAS (LIBERTY CHRISTIAN HS)**



2016-17 AVERAGES				
GP-GS	PTS	REB	AST	MIN
-	-	-	-	-

▶HIGH SCHOOL: A walk-on guard... Named to the TAPPS All-District Second Team and TAPPS Academic All-State Team his senior season...Averaged 15 points per game as a senior...Graduated from Liberty Christian HS with a 3.8 GPA...Strung together a five-game streak with at least four 3-pointers his senior year...Played for coach Lance Burroughs...Also competed in track and field.

#### **CAREER HIGHS**

3-Point Field Goals	
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	
Free Throws Made	

Free Throw Attempts	
Rebounds	
Assists	

Blocked Shots	
Steals	
Minutes Played	

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# **#13 JORDAN SHEPHERD**

#### 6-2 180 FR GUARD

#### **ASHEVILLE, N.C. (ASHEVILLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY)**



2016-17 AVERAGES						
GP-GS PTS REB AST MIN						
-	-	-	-	-		

▶HIGH SCHOOL: Honored as the 2015-16 Carolinas Athletic Association's Player of the Year after averaging 19.2 points, 5.1 assists, 5.1 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game as a senior...Named to the NCISAA 2-A All-State Team...Originally committed to James Madison but chose to reopen his recruitment after the program announced a coaching change.

# CAREER HIGHS

Points	3-Pt FG Made	FT Attempts	Blocked Shots
FG Made	3-Pt FG Attempts	Rebounds	Steals
FG Attempts	FT Made	Assists	Minutes Played

# #0 DARRION STRONG-MOORE 6-1 180 JR GUARD CHICAGO, ILL. (COFFEYVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE [KAN.])



2016-17 AVERAGES						
GP-GS	GP-GS PTS REB AST MIN					
-	-	-	-	-		

▶JUNIOR COLLEGE: A three-star recruit by Rivals.com...Wrapped up his junior college career at Coffeyville Community College in Kansas...Last season as a sophomore, played in 30 games (all starts) and averaged 17.7 points, 3.3 assists and 2.8 rebounds per game while shooting .443 from the floor and .324 from long range... As a freshman in 2014-15, averaged 21.3 points and 2.2 assists per game while shooting .471 from the field

and .420 from 3-point range...Was named freshman of the year and MVP of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference and was named a third-team NJCAA All-American.

# CAREER HIGHS

Points	3-Pt FG Made	FT Attempts	Blocked Shots
FG Made	3-Pt FG Attempts	Rebounds	Steals
FG Attempts	FT Made	Assists	Minutes Played

#### #30 MARSHALL THORPE 6-9 235 R-FR FORWARD

#### TULSA, OKLA. (BISHOP KELLEY HS)



2016-17 AVERAGES						
GP-GS PTS REB AST MIN						
-	-	-	-	-		

▶HIGH SCHOOL: A walk-on forward in his first season with the program...Played at Bishop Kelley HS for coach Danny Limes...Named to the all-tournament first team for the eight-team Bishop Kelley Invitational...An all-state academic selection and member of the National Honors Society...Grew seven inches taller between his sophomore and senior years.

#### **CAREER HIGHS**

Points	3-Pt FG Made	FT Attempts	Blocked Shots
FG Made	3-Pt FG Attempts	Rebounds	Steals
FG Attempts	FT Made	Assists	Minutes Played

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#### **#10 JORDAN WOODARD**

#### 6-0 187 SR GUARD

#### ARCADIA, OKLA. (EDMOND MEMORIAL HS)



2016-17 AVERAGES					
GP-GS PTS REB AST MIN					
-	-	-	-	-	

2015-16 AVERAGES						
GP-GS	GP-GS PTS REB AST MIN					
37-37	11.1	3.0	3.4	29.8		

▶2016-17: A 2016 Preseason All-Big 12 Team honorable mention selection...Has started in 105 consecutive games...One of two returning starters from OU's 2016 Final Four team and the Sooners' leading returner in scoring (13.0 per game), assists (3.4), steals (1.6) and minutes (29.8)...On pace to finish in top three in OU history in assists...Enters his senior campaign ranked eighth in program history for both career assists (410) and free throw percentage (.805)...With 1,148 career points, ranks 32nd on OU's career points list and is the 21st Sooner to surpass 1,100 career points within his first three seasons.

▶2015-16: Voted All-Big 12 Honorable Mention by league coaches...Started all 37 games of the season... Averaged career highs in both points (13.0) and assists (3.4) per game and also averaged 3.0 rebounds and 1.6 steals (fifth in Big 12) per contest...His 13.0 points per game ranked second on the team and 10th overall in the

Big 12...His assists per game total ranked ninth among conference foes...Shot .416 (151-363) from the floor, .455 (80-176) from 3-point range (second in Big 12) and .805 (99-123) from the charity stripe (seventh in Big 12)...In five NCAA Tournament games, averaged 15.8 points, 3.2 rebounds and 2.8 assists in 29.8 minutes...Had 27 double figures scoring games on the year...Registered six games of 20 or more points.

CAREER HIGHS							
Points	28 vs. Harvard (12/25/15)	3-Pt FG Made	6 (twice)	FT Attempts	22 vs. Tulsa (12/14/13)	<b>Blocked Shots</b>	1 (twelve times)
FG Made	9 (twice)	3-Pt FG Attempts	9 vs. Kansas (1/14/16)	Rebounds	9 at Memphis (11/17/15)	Steals	5 vs. Oklahoma State (1/31/15)
FG Attempts	20 vs. Kansas (1/4/16)	FT Made	17 vs. Tulsa (12/14/13)	Assists	12 vs. UT Arlington (12/17/13)	Minutes Played	50 vs. Kansas (1/4/16)



**Hometown:** Silver Lake, Kan. **Alma Mater:** Kansas State '75

Career Record: 590-361 (.620)

Record at OU: 111-57 (.661)

Postseason Appearances: 21

Years Coached: 30

(17 NCAA, 4 NIT)

**FAMILY** 

Son: Kevin

Wife: Barbara

Daughter: Angie

**Grandson:** Wyatt

**Granddaughter:** Avery

# LON KRUGER

17 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES • TWO FINAL FOURS • FIVE SWEET SIXTEENS ONLY COACH TO LEAD FIVE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS TO AN NCAA TOURNAMENT WIN 10TH MOST WINS AMONG ACTIVE DIVISION I HEAD COACHES

#### **KRUGER'S SOONER TURNAROUND**

- ▶ Kruger has been leaving his trademark rebuilding stamp on college basketball programs throughout his career. He is the only Division I coach to ever take five different schools to the NCAA Tournament. In 2015 he became the first coach since the NCAA Tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985 to take four programs to the Sweet 16 or beyond.
- ▶ After inheriting a program that went 27–36 (.429) in the two seasons prior to his arrival, Kruger has coached the Sooners to a 111–57 (.661) record in five seasons. Over the last four full campaigns, OU posted a 96-41 (.701) mark and advanced to the NCAA Tournament each season, capped by a trip to the 2016 Final Four in Houston. The Sooners had previously not been to the postseason since 2009 when they advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight.
- ▶ With a career college coaching record of 590-361 (.620), Kruger owns the 10th most wins among active Division I coaches. He owns a 20-17 record in NCAA Tournament games and has compiled 16 20-plus-win seasons, including nine in the last 10 years. His collegiate teams have made postseason appearances in 21 of the last 26 years.
- ▶ Under Kruger, Sooner players have earned First-Team All-Big 12 selections on three occasions and racked up 14 Academic All-Big 12 honors. Buddy Hield, who played four seasons for Kruger (2012-16), was named the winner of the 2016 Wooden Award, Naismith Trophy and the Oscar Robertson Trophy as the national player of the year (first consensus player of the year for OU since Blake Griffin in 2009).
- ▶ Three Sooners have been drafted into the NBA during Kruger's tenure. Buddy Hield was selected as the sixth overall pick in the 2016 NBA Draft while Isaiah Cousins (2016) and Romero Osby (2013) were chosen in the second round of their respected drafts.
- ► For a full bio, visit SoonerSports.com.

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Year	School	Record	Pct.
1982-83	Pan American	7-21	.250
1983-84	Pan American	13-14	.481
1984-85	Pan American	12-16	.429
1985-86	Pan American	20-8	.714
1986-87	* Kansas State	20-11	.645
1987-88	* Kansas State	25-9	.735
1988-89	* Kansas State	19-11	.633
1989-90	* Kansas State	17-15	.531
1990-91	Florida	11-17	.393
1991-92	^ Florida	19-14	.576
1992-93	^ Florida	16-12	.571
1993-94	* Florida	29-8	.784
1994-95	* Florida	17-13	.567
1995-96	Florida	12-16	.429
1996-97	* Illinois	22-10	.688
1997-98	* Illinois	23-10	.697
1998-99	Illinois	14-18	.438
1999-00	* Illinois	22-10	.688
2004-05	^ UNLV	17-14	.548
2005-06	UNLV	17-13	.567
2006-07	* UNLV	30-7	.811
2007-08	* UNLV	27-8	.771
2008-09	^ UNLV	21-11	.656
2009-10	* UNLV	25-9	.735
2010-11	* UNLV	24-9	.727
2011-12	Oklahoma	15-16	.483
2012-13	* Oklahoma	20-12	.625
2013-14	* Oklahoma	23-10	.697
2014-15	* Oklahoma	24-11	.686
2015-16	* Oklahoma	29-8	.784
Totals		590-361	.620
* NCAA To	ournament ^ NIT		

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# **OKLAHOMA NUMERICAL ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	CI.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (Last School)
0	Darrion Strong-Moore	G	Jr.	6-1	180	Chicago, III. (Coffeyville Community College [Kan.])
1	Rashard Odomes*	G	So.	6-6	212	Copperas Cove, Texas (Copperas Cove HS)
3	Christian James*	G	So.	6-4	218	Houston, Texas (Bellaire HS)
4	Jamuni McNeace*	С	SoRS	6-10	215	Kankakee, III. (Allen HS)
5	Matt Freeman	F	FrRS	6-10	224	Auckland, New Zealand (Westlake Boys HS)
10	Jordan Woodard***	G	Sr.	6-0	187	Arcadia, Okla. (Edmond Memorial HS)
11	Kristian Doolittle	F	Fr.	6-7	236	Edmond, Okla. (Edmond Memorial HS)
12	Khadeem Lattin**	F	Jr.	6-9	212	Houston, Texas (Redemption Christian Home School Academy)
13	Jordan Shepherd	G	Fr.	6-2	180	Asheville, N.C. (Asheville Christian Academy)
15	Grant Quinn^	G	Fr.	6-4	185	Argyle, Texas (Liberty Christian HS)
20	Kameron McGusty	G	Fr.	6-5	191	Katy, Texas (Sunrise Christian Academy [Kan.])
21	Dante Buford*	F	SoRS	6-7	221	Greenville, S.C. (Arlington Country Day School [Fla.])
22	Daniel Harper***	G	Sr.	6-1	190	Norman, Okla. (Norman HS)
25	C.J. Cole***	F	Sr.	6-7	245	Sperry, Okla. (Sperry HS)
30	Marshall Thorpe <sup>^</sup>	F	FrRS	6-9	235	Tulsa, Okla. (Bishop Kelley HS)
40	Richard Anderson <sup>^</sup>	G	Fr.	6-2	180	Midwest City, Okla. (Midwest City HS)

# **OKLAHOMA ALPHABETICAL ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	CI.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (Last School)
40	Richard Anderson <sup>^</sup>	G	Fr.	6-2	180	Midwest City, Okla. (Midwest City HS)
21	Dante Buford*	F	SoRS	6-7	221	Greenville, S.C. (Arlington Country Day School [Fla.])
25	C.J. Cole***	F	Sr.	6-7	245	Sperry, Okla. (Sperry HS)
11	Kristian Doolittle	F	Fr.	6-7	236	Edmond, Okla. (Edmond Memorial HS)
5	Matt Freeman	F	FrRS	6-10	224	Auckland, New Zealand (Westlake Boys HS)
22	Daniel Harper*** <sup>^</sup>	G	Sr.	6-1	190	Norman, Okla. (Norman HS)
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0	Darrion Strong-Moore	G	Jr.	6-1	180	Chicago, III. (Coffeyville Community College [Kan.])
30	Marshall Thorpe <sup>^</sup>	F	FrRS	6-9	235	Tulsa, Okla. (Bishop Kelley HS)
10	Jordan Woodard***	G	Sr.	6-0	187	Arcadia, Okla. (Edmond Memorial HS)

<sup>\*</sup> Letters earned at Oklahoma

#### **STAFF**

**Head Coach:** Lon Kruger (Kansas State '75)

Associate Head Coach: Chris Crutchfield (Nebraska-Omaha '92)

**Assistant Coach:** Carlan Hartman (Tulane '94) Assistant Coach: Kevin Kruger (Arizona State '06) **Director of Operations:** Mike Shepherd (Kansas State '92)

Strength and Performance Coach: Bryce Daub (Central Washington '08)

**Athletics Trainer:** Alex Brown (Appalachian State '79) Video Coordinator: Will Saxon (Oklahoma '15)

# **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

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