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The Report's 20th season gives us reason to reflect back

This issue of *The Women's RPI Report* marks the first issue of our 20th season! Our first issue of *The Women's RPI Report* debuted on January 22, 1997, and many things related to the women's game that season were much different than they are now. That 1996-97 season may now seem distant to those involved with the game, but there are still lots of similarities between the game today and the way things were 20 seasons ago.

CBN has been in business for well over half of the time that the women's NCAA tournament has been played since that first one was staged in 1982. Tennessee won its 4th NCAA championship in 1997 and has picked up 3 since then, for a total of 7. Connecticut had won just a single title by 1997 and has racked up an astonishing 9 championship trophies since then, for a total of 10. That includes 3 consecutive championships through last season. The Huskies are probably the prohibitive favorite this season, but by definition, every team in the NCAA tournament has a shot at the title. The list of others winning championships since '97 is a bit sparse: Purdue in 1999, Notre Dame in 2001, Baylor in 2005 and 2012, Maryland in 2006, and Texas A&M in 2011.

While there have been many changes in the women's game since the 1996-97 season, there are still some similarities. There were 64 teams in the tournament then, and that number remains the same, although the format and mechanics of the tournament have changed several times. For the 1996-97 season there were 30 conferences that were automatic qualifiers to the NCAA tournament, compared to 32 today, which seems reasonable since there are now 53 more teams that count in the RPI.

This is one of the quietest years in terms of schools changing conferences in recent memory. Only two schools out of 349 that count in the RPI found new conference homes. Northern Kentucky moved from the Atlantic Sun to the Horizon League, which is back to its old 10-member mark. NJIT joined the Atlantic Sun, keeping its membership at 8. NJIT was the lone independent school last season, but that does not necessarily mean there will never be another independent. Schools have been forced out of conferences at times in the past, and they have no choice but to end up as independents before finding a new conference home.

There are no schools that are new to the RPI this season. Summit League member Omaha is now officially a Division I member after completing its reclassification phase and is eligible to participate in the NCAA tournament this season. Five RPI-counting schools are still reclassifying and are not yet eligible for the NCAA tournament: Northern Kentucky (eligible in 2016-17); and Abilene Christian, Grand Canyon, Incarnate Word, and UMass Lowell, which will all be eligible in 2017-18.

One school is ineligible for the NCAA tournament due to APR sanctions this season, that being Savannah State. A total of 349 teams count in the RPI this season, the same as last year. There are 344 official Division I women's basketball members, and removing the ineligible school leaves 343 that can play in the NCAA tournament, pending anything else that may happen before March.

Be sure to take a few minutes and look at our updated women's home court records list at rpiratings.com/whomecourtrec.php. This list contains a wealth of information and can be a help in setting up future non-conference opponents. We are always on the lookout for updated home court information. If you spot any additions or corrections, let us know and we will make any changes that we can verify.

Don't forget to order the **CBN Women's Post-Season Wrap-up** bound volume for the 2014-15 season (we have only a few copies left), and for the current 2015-16 season as well. An order form can be found on our web site at www.rpiratings.com (click on the Subscriber Services link). Our bound volumes contain a **complete set** of *The Women's RPI Report* for the season, complete team-by-team **game results** for the season, analysis of non-conference road games, standings, and much more! They are especially valuable in researching data related to non-conference scheduling. Be sure to get your order in for the 2015-16 season **now** because we print only a limited number of copies. It will be mailed in late April. Call us at (317) 255-0749 if you would like additional information.

Keep our CBN On-Site Service presentation in mind for your school or conference to benefit from detailed knowledge of the RPI and the importance of non-conference scheduling. CBN has given presentations to **13 different conferences**, and several of those multiple times. Although it focuses on basketball, the principles of the RPI and non-conference scheduling are generally the same from sport to sport, allowing all of your programs in which the RPI is used to benefit. Also, CBN routinely conducts special projects each year for schools and conferences, including data-intensive calculations on tasks such as non-conference scheduling analysis and other related topics. If you would like additional information, please email or call us at (317) 255-0749.

KEY TO THE WOMEN'S RPI REPORT COLUMNS

ALL GAMES RPI INFORMATION

RPI Rank - RPI rank as of date listed
RPI LW - RPI Rank 1 week ago
CH - Change in RPI Rank from 1 week ago
NDI W-L - Non-Division I wins and losses
Div I W-L - Division I wins and losses
W% -Rk - Division I winning percentage and rank
FII -Rk - Schedule strength and rank
AvRPI ofOPP - Average RPI rank of opponents played (another way to measure schedule strength)
F3 Rk - Factor III rank, the teams' opponents' opponents' D-I winning percentage (the teams' opponents' schedule strength)
Conf - Conference abbreviation for listed team
Conference Rk - Teams' conference rank
Conference W-L - Teams' conference record
RdA - Teams' conference road advantage (conference road wins minus conference home losses)

NON-CONFERENCE RPI INFORMATION

NC W-L - Teams' non-conference wins and losses
NC Rd W-L - Teams' non-conference road wins and losses
NonConf SStr-Rk - Teams' non-conference schedule strength and rank
NC RPI -Rk - Teams' non-conference RPI and rank

RECORD VS TEAMS RANKED - Teams' won-loss record vs. teams in those RPI ranking categories

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Home W-L - Teams' all games home wins and losses record
Road W-L - Teams' all games road wins and losses record
Ntl W-L - Teams' all games neutral wins and losses record
Last 12 - Number of wins in last 12 games
St - Teams' current winning or losing streak

SCORING DATA (ALTERNATES EVERY 3 WEEKS)

Off Avg - Teams' offensive scoring average
Def Avg - Teams' defensive scoring average
Scor Marg - Teams' scoring margin

OPPONENTS' W-L DATA (ALTERNATES EVERY 3 WEEKS)

Opponents' W-L - Opponents' total W's and L's
Opponents' % - Opponents' W-L percentage

STREAKS DATA (ALTERNATES EVERY 3 WEEKS)

Best NC - Best (Longest) non-conference winning streak
Best Con - Best (Longest) conference winning streak
Overall Bst - Best (Longest) overall winning streak
Overall Wst - Worst (longest) overall losing streak
Cur - Current winning or losing streak

CLOSE GAMES

Close Losses - Number of games a team has lost by 1, 2, and 3 points (1-2-3)
OT W-L - Teams' record in overtime games

KEY TO "CHANCES OF BEING AN AT-LARGE NCAA TOURNAMENT SELECTION IN VARIOUS NON-RPI CATEGORIES"

This list appears in the **Report** around the first of February. "OK" denotes the team has, in general, met the standard for the given column, based on past at-large tournament selections. For NDI games, a "69.8% had 0" means that 69.8% of at-large teams played no non-Division I games; "OK" means they played no such games. For D-I wins, "69.4% had more wins" means that 69.4% of at-large teams had more wins than the team in question, and so on. The RPI Ranking Bracket column gives the percentage of at-large teams within the ranking bracket that were selected for the tournament.

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Table with columns: Rank, LW, Ch, W-L, W-L, W%-Rk, FII-Rk, OpRP, F3R, RPI, Conference, NC, NCRd, NCSS-Rk, NCRPI-Rk, T100, T25, -50, -100, -200, -349, Home, Road, Nt1, L, St, Off Avg, Def Avg, Scor Marg, Losses OT. Rows include: 9 - - Horizon, 14 - - Youngstown St., 23 - - Green Bay, 24 - - Northern Ky., 81 - - Wright St., 86 - - Wright St., 97 - - Illinois-Chicago, 133 - - Milwaukee, 210 - - Detroit, 231 - - Oakland, 269 - - Valparaiso, 287 - - Cleveland St.

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			7-0	20-42	.3125-28	.4751-23	12	12	.4476	RdAd Rk W-L	20-42	W-L	.4751-25	.4476-27	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	W-L	12		Avg	Avg	Marg	1-2-3	W-L
26	-	-	Utah Valley	2-0	4-4	.5000-160	.5452-114	192	258	.5337	0	26	0-0	4-4	2-3	.5452-121	.5337-129	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-2	2-1	4	L3	73.1	70.0	3.1	0-0-0	1-0
150	-	-	New Mexico St.	0-0	6-2	.7500-64	.4113-267	182	69	.5149	0	26	0-0	6-2	1-1	.4113-267	.5149-151	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	3-0	3-0	6	L2	74.0	63.9	10.1	0-0-0	0-0
151	-	-	Seattle	1-0	3-5	.3750-206	.5685-90	122	223	.5142	0	26	0-0	3-5	2-3	.5685-93	.5142-152	0-4	0-1	0-0	0-3	0-1	3-0	3	L1	61.9	67.8	-5.9	0-0-0	0-0
169	-	-	UTRGV	2-0	3-5	.3750-206	.5015-178	191	197	.5040	0	26	0-0	3-5	2-4	.5015-184	.5040-170	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-2	2-1	3	L1	65.8	59.6	6.2	0-0-1	0-0
241	-	-	Chicago St.	0-0	1-7	.1250-311	.5976-62	26	152	.4467	0	26	0-0	1-7	0-4	.5976-65	.4467-240	0-5	0-1	0-1	0-3	1-1	0-1	1	L2	52.5	69.9	-17.4	0-0-0	0-1
274	-	-	Grand Canyon	1-0	2-6	.2500-261	.4268-256	160	111	.4076	0	26	0-0	2-6	1-1	.4268-258	.4076-277	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-3	2-1	2	W1	59.3	64.3	-5.0	0-0-0	1-0
319	-	-	CS Bakersfield	0-0	1-7	.1250-311	.3838-291	69	19	.3669	0	26	0-0	1-7	0-4	.3838-294	.3669-320	0-4	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-2	1-1	1	L5	65.3	74.0	-8.8	1-0-0	1-0
346	-	-	UMKC	1-0	0-6	.0000-326	.3663-306	291	296	.2928	0	26	0-0	0-6	0-3	.3663-306	.2928-346	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-4	0	L6	55.9	64.7	-8.9	0-0-0	0-0

TEAM ALPHABETICAL RPI RANK THROUGH GAMES OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015

Team	Rank	Team	Rank	Team	Rank	Team	Rank	Team	Rank
Abilene Christian	52	East Tenn. St.	194	Loyola Chicago	230	Portland	240	Tulane	51
Air Force	332	Eastern Illinois	309	Loyola Maryland	275	Portland St.	326	Tulsa	288
Akron	222	Eastern Kentucky	120	LSU	134	Prairie View	156	UAB	154
Alabama	164	Eastern Michigan	177	Maine	104	Presbyterian	236	UC Davis	172
Alabama A&M	278	Eastern Wash.	220	Manhattan	189	Princeton	22	UC Irvine	285
Alabama St.	343	Elon	117	Marist	219	Providence	152	UC Riverside	71
Albany	76	Evansville	277	Marquette	114	Purdue	34	UC Santa Barbara	310
Alcorn St.	308	Fairfield	300	Marshall	138	Quinnipiac	209	UCF	296
American	229	Fair. Dickinson	284	Maryland	45	Radford	131	UCLA	35
Appalachian St.	316	Fla. Gulf Coast	95	Massachusetts	225	Rhode Island	188	UMass Lowell	336
Arizona	32	Florida	46	McNeese St.	174	Rice	259	UMBC	263
Arizona St.	73	Florida Atlantic	96	Md.-East. Shore	325	Richmond	124	UMKC	346
Arkansas	261	Florida A&M	349	Memphis	197	Rider	243	UNC Asheville	214
Arkansas St.	31	Florida Int'l.	347	Mercer	115	Robert Morris	132	UNC Greensboro	273
UALR	141	Florida St.	29	Miami-FL	33	Rutgers	15	UNC Wilmington	226
UAPB	208	Fordham	221	Miami-OH	245	Sacramento St.	202	UNLV	161
Army	44	Fresno St.	190	Michigan	42	Sacred Heart	303	USC Upstate	227
Auburn	48	Furman	162	Michigan St.	58	Saint Joseph's	68	Utah	148
Austin Peay	253	Gardner-Webb	205	Middle Tennessee	128	Saint Louis	65	Utah St.	291
Ball St.	103	George Mason	234	Minnesota	84	Sam Houston St.	195	Utah Valley	127
Baylor	24	Georgetown	82	Mississippi	201	Samford	171	UTEP	21
Belmont	74	Georgia	13	Mississippi St.	159	San Diego	98	Green Bay	23
Bethune-Cookman	212	Georgia Southern	255	Mississippi Val.	295	San Diego St.	235	Milwaukee	133
Binghamton	232	Georgia St.	276	Missouri	17	San Francisco	155	Valparaiso	269
Boise St.	119	Georgia Tech	211	Missouri St.	67	San Jose St.	260	Vanderbilt	145
Boston College	37	Geo. Washington	87	Monmouth	330	Santa Clara	41	VCU	61
Boston U.	334	Gonzaga	121	Montana	215	Savannah St.	216	Vermont	345
Bowling Green	266	Grambling St.	247	Montana St.	191	SE Missouri	170	Villanova	93
Bradley	187	Grand Canyon	274	Morehead St.	163	Seattle	151	Virginia	99
Brown	143	Hampton	183	Morgan St.	280	Seton Hall	4	Virginia Tech	47
Bryant	305	Hartford	193	Mount St. Mary's	264	Siena	281	VMI	350
Bucknell	108	Harvard	237	Murray St.	333	SIU-Edwardsville	206	Wagner	322
Buffalo	64	Hawaii	179	Navy	168	SMU	258	Wake Forest	158
Butler	107	High Point	254	Nebraska	56	South Alabama	311	Washington	59
BYU	38	Hofstra	43	Omaha	270	South Carolina	5	Washington St.	77
Cal Poly	85	Holy Cross	306	Nevada	314	South Dakota	89	Weber St.	160
California	83	Houston	136	New Hampshire	213	South Dakota St.	116	West Virginia	118
Campbell	146	Houston Baptist	125	New Jersey Tech	339	South Florida	57	Western Carolina	329
Canisius	88	Howard	313	New Mexico	137	Southeastern La.	272	Western Illinois	246
Central Arkansas	165	Idaho	90	New Mexico St.	150	Southern Cal.	8	Western Kentucky	178
Central Michigan	66	Idaho St.	54	New Orleans	348	Southern Ill.	186	Western Michigan	80
Cent. Conn. St.	293	Illinois	18	Niagara	301	Southern Miss	122	Wichita St.	203
Charleston So.	299	Illinois St.	315	Nicholls St.	335	Southern Utah	294	William & Mary	180
Charlotte	63	Illinois-Chicago	97	Norfolk St.	342	Southern U.	192	Winthrop	239
Chattanooga	10	Incarinate Word	292	North Carolina	175	Stanford	2	Wisconsin	126
Chicago St.	241	Indiana	78	North Dakota	123	Stephen F. Austin	257	Wofford	290
Cincinnati	167	Indiana St.	251	North Dakota St.	338	Stetson	147	Wright St.	86
Clemson	248	Iona	182	North Florida	262	Stony Brook	110	Wyoming	184
Cleveland St.	287	Iowa	25	North Texas	102	St. Bonaventure	70	Xavier	224
Coastal Carolina	312	Iowa St.	113	Northeastern	129	St. Francis NY	337	Yale	176
Colgate	317	IPFW	265	Northern Arizona	200	St. Francis PA	289	Youngstown St.	14
Colorado	105	IUPUI	139	Northern Colo.	196	St. John's	36		
Colorado St.	53	Jackson St.	153	Northern Ill.	298	St. Mary's	69		
Columbia	244	Jacksonville	320	Northern Iowa	140	St. Peter's	324		
Col. Charleston	75	Jacksonville St.	340	Northern Ky.	81	Syracuse	19		
Connecticut	1	James Madison	185	Northwestern	11	S.C. State	283		
Coppin St.	173	Kansas	106	Northwestern St.	181	TCU	101		
Cornell	218	Kansas St.	30	Notre Dame	6	Temple	130		
Creighton	91	Kennesaw St.	331	N.C. A&T	256	Tennessee	27		
CS Bakersfield	319	Kent St.	341	N.C. Central	321	Tennessee St.	199		
CS Fullerton	327	Kentucky	12	N.C. State	26	Tennessee Tech	207		
CS Northridge	250	La Salle	297	Oakland	231	Tennessee-Martin	39		
Dartmouth	344	Lafayette	268	Ohio	62	Texas	50		
Davidson	100	Lamar	307	Ohio St.	7	Texas A&M	28		
Dayton	20	UL Lafayette	144	Oklahoma	16	Texas A&M-CC	267		
Delaware	223	Lehigh	228	Oklahoma St.	72	Texas Southern	279		
Delaware St.	286	Liberty	157	Old Dominion	233	Texas St.	142		
Denver	304	Lipscomb	318	Oral Roberts	252	Texas Tech	92		
DePaul	55	Long Beach St.	109	Oregon	111	Texas-Arlington	135		
Detroit	210	Long Island	282	Oregon St.	49	UTRGV	169		
Drake	60	Longwood	328	Pacific	94	Texas-San Ant.	204		
Drexel	198	Louisiana Tech	242	Penn St.	238	The Citadel	350		
Duke	3	UL Monroe	217	Pennsylvania	9	Toledo	112		
Duquesne	40	Louisville	149	Pepperdine	271	Towson	302		
East Carolina	79	Loyola Marymount	323	Pittsburgh	166	Troy	249		