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HOW SWEET IT IS!—Sooners celebrate on court in West Lafayette, Indiana, after their 76-74 come-from-behind upset victory over defending champion Purdue in the second round of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament. The OU women then took their Cinderella season into the Sweet 16, where No.1-ranked (and eventual champion) Connecticut ended their run at 25-8. The Sooners finished the regular season tied for first in the Big 12, with Phylesha Whaley named conference Player of the Year and Sherri Coale, in her fourth year at OU, as Coach of the Year. When national AP Coach of the Year honors were announced, Coale finished second, only four votes behind UConn's Geno Auriemma. Remarkably, just 10 years ago, while Coale was still a high school coach, OU suspended women's basketball citing lack of interest. Nine days later, public outcry brought the program back. In another touch of irony, the Sooner women ousted Purdue two days after the third-seeded Sooner men were upset by Purdue in the NCAA second round to close out Kelvin Sampson's best OU season at 27-7.