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THE WINNERS AND AGAIN CHAMPS!—With the Big 12 basketball championships, both men's and women's, in Oklahoma City for the first time, the stage was set for Sherri Coale's indomitable Sooners to run the table—and they did not disappoint, taking their third tournament title since the Big 12 began in 1997-98. The OU team had already successfully defended its regular season title, before charging through Texas, Baylor and Iowa State in OKC's Cox Convention Center for a tournament repeat. Sophomore star center Courtney Paris was named Associated Press National Player of the Year; Big 12 Player of the Year, and Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year; and Kodak/WBCA and Wooden All-American. The team also scored a basket full of academic honors.