

AT THE TOP OF THEIR GAME – OU's 2014 women's gymnastics team finally vaulted into the elite club that has dominated the NCAA national championships with a record-smashing performance to take home its first title. OU had to share the championship with the University of Florida when, for the first time in NCAA Division 1, the judges were unable to break the 198.175 tie, but nothing could diminish the Sooners' joy at becoming only the sixth team in women's gymnastics history to win the national title, joining Alabama, Georgia, Florida, UCLA and Utah. With every team member recording career bests, program bests and one 9.9 after another, it was a magical evening. In the past five years, Coach K. J. Kindler's teams have had four top-three finishes and no lower than seventh. In individual competition, senior Taylor Spears was named the 2014 National Champion on balance beam, Oklahoma's first women's gymnastics individual champion since 1988.