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RAISING “21” – Sooner legend Stacey Dales, the Canadian whose decision to join the Oklahoma women’s basketball team in 1997 set the program on the road to national prominence, watches with her coach, Sherri Coale, as her jersey #21 is hoisted to the rafters of Lloyd Noble Center. The first woman athlete in any sport to be honored with the retirement of her jersey, two-time athletic and academic All-American Dales led the Sooners to three Big 12 regular season championships, a Big 12 tournament title, two NCAA Sweet 16 appearances and to the 2002 Final Four, finishing the season as the NCAA runner-up. After five years in the WNBA, Dales turned to broadcasting at ESPN, ABC, the NFL Network, and recently signed with CBS Sports.