

CHAMPIONSHIP

By OU Athletics Communications

If there was any doubt about Sooner magic coming through in a clutch, it has been crowded out by the sheer number of titles and accolades that have popped up like red tulips on the OU campus in the past couple of months.

This spring University of Oklahoma teams collected four national championships in 53 days, from women's gymnastics on April 15 to softball on June 6, besting last year's record of three championships in a single semester.

The women's gymnastics program captured its second straight national title and third in four seasons under K.J. Kindler; men's gymnastics claimed its third straight national crown, eighth under Mark Williams and 11th overall; men's golf claimed its second in program history and first under Ryan Hybl; and softball won its fourth overall, third in five years and second straight under Patty Gasso.

Also noteworthy, the Oklahoma men's tennis duo of Andrew Harris and Spencer Papa won the NCAA Division I doubles championship May 29 in Athens, Ga., becoming the first Sooners to win an NCAA individual tennis title.

With four NCAA team championships, five individual NCAA titles and four team conference crowns, the 2017 spring semester represented the most productive athletics term in OU history. But the success of OU's student-athletes the last several months transcended sports, as the Sooners also set a pair of significant collective standards in the classroom. OU student-athletes posted a 3.09 cumulative GPA for the spring semester, the best in recorded school history, which marked a record 11th consecutive semester of posting at least a 3.0 figure.

Not coincidentally, in August OU Athletics Director Joe Castiglione was voted the Best Division I AD in the nation according to a *Sports Illustrated* poll of sports media and peer athletic directors.



Tim Cowie

The men's golf team claimed its second national title in program history and the first under Ryan Hybl. Since Hybl became coach in 2009, the Sooners have made the NCAA Championship seven seasons straight.

Blaine Hale helped the Sooners secure the 2017 national championship by going 2-1 in NCAA Championships match play, earning wins in the semifinal and final matches. Hale, along with teammates Max McGreevy, Grant Hirschman and Brad Dalke, have been named Division I PING All-Americans, marking the most All-America honors in one season for the OU men's golf program since 1989.



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The OU women's softball team won their second national championship in two years, their third in five. Entering the series as 10th seed, the Sooners were the lowest-ranked team to ever win a national championship.

SEASON

University of Oklahoma teams have won more national championships in the past two years than any school in the country.



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The Oklahoma men's tennis duo of senior Andrew Harris, left, and junior Spencer Papa won the 2017 NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Doubles Championship in Athens, Ga. The pair are the first Sooners in program history to win an individual national championship. The duo was also named to the 2017 ITA Collegiate All-Star Team.



Amy Pyle

Members of the OU women's gymnastics team surround Joe Castiglione, OU athletics director, and coach K.J. Kindler as they hold the 2017 NCAA trophy. The championship was the second in a row and third overall for the OU women's gymnastics team under Kindler, head coach since 2006. In August, Castiglione was voted the best AD in the nation in a poll by *Sports Illustrated*.



Amy Sanderson/RW Studios

Sophomore Yul Moldauer earned All-America honors on six of seven events (all but pommel horse) at the NCAA team finals, helping the Sooners claim a total of 22 All-America honors.



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The OU men's gymnastics team takes a well-deserved selfie after becoming only the fourth program since 1938 to win three straight national titles. Overall, the program has won 11 NCAA titles, eight under current Coach Mark Williams.