

Griner wins Player of the Year honor for 3rd straight season

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Baylor All-American senior post Brittney Griner, who closed out the regular-season with a 50-point performance against Kansas State, has been named the 2012-13 Big 12 Player of the Year.

Griner becomes the second player to be named Big 12 Player of the Year three times and the first to garner Defensive Player of the Year all four seasons in her career. Former Oklahoma player Courtney Paris also earned three player of the year accolades from 2007-2009.

Griner, who is one of just six players in NCAA history to surpass 3,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds, set the Big 12 single game scoring record with 50 points in her regular season finale. She leads the Big 12 in scoring (23.3), blocks (4.1) and field goal percentage (.599) while ranking seventh in rebounds (8.9). She is the Big 12's career leader in scoring (3,123) and blocks (721) and holds national records for blocks and dunks (14).

Griner and junior guard Odyssey Sims were both unanimous selections to the league's All-Defensive team and First-Team All-Big 12. Senior Destiny Williams captured the Sixth Man Award, while freshman Alexis Prince was named to the All-Freshman team. Kimetria Hayden, Jordan Madden and Brooklyn Pope earned All-Big 12 honorable mention status.

Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey earned her fourth Big 12 Coach of the Year honor. Mulkey, who is in her 13th season at Baylor, led the program to its fourth Big 12 regular season title with a 29-1 overall record and an 18-0 league mark. This is the second consecutive season the Lady Bears have gone undefeated in Big 12 play and they are 51-1 over the past three years.

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The Lady Bears have also won 69 of its last 70 overall games and is 103-4 since 2010-11. The Lady Bears are ranked No. 1 in the national polls and will enter the Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship as the No. 1 seed.

Here is a look at the 2012-13 PHILLIPS 66 ALL-BIG 12 AWARDS:

Coach of the Year: Kim Mulkey, Baylor

Player of the Year: Brittney Griner, Baylor

Co-Newcomers of the Year: Portia Durrett-Oklahoma and Jackie Patterson-Texas Tech

Freshman of the Year: Imani McGee-Stafford-Texas

Defensive Player of the Year: Brittney Griner-Baylor

Sixth Man Award: Destiny Williams-Baylor

Scholar Athlete of the Year: Brittany Chambers-Kansas State

All-Big 12 First Team

Brittney Griner

Senior

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Odyssey Sims	Junior	Guard	Baylor	
Hallie Christofferson	Junior	For.	Iowa State	
Chelsea Poppens	Senior	For.	Iowa State	
Angel Goodrich		Senior	Guard	Kansas
Brittany Chambers	Senior	Guard	Kansas State	
Aaryn Ellenberg	Junior	Guard	Oklahoma	
Toni Young	Senior	For.	Oklahoma State	
Chynna Brown		Senior	Guard	Texas Tech
Christal Caldwell	Junior	Guard	West Virginia	