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SPORTS



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Lauren Heard (#20) will look to build on a freshman season in which she started 18 games.

Basketball looks to build on postseason run

BY BENTON MCDONALD
SPORTS EDITOR, TCU 360

The Horned Frogs enter the 2018 season looking to continue the momentum from their deep postseason run last spring with a roster that is both experienced and physical.

Led by head coach Raegan Pebley, TCU returns all five of the starters that compiled 23 wins and a semifinal appearance in the WNIT.

Sophomore Lauren Heard and juniors Jayde Woods and Kianna Ray will anchor the backcourt, while seniors Amy Okonkwo and Jordan Moore will lead the frontcourt.

Both Okonkwo and Moore averaged double-digit points last season, and both come into their senior seasons with high expectations. Okonkwo was named preseason Big 12 All-Conference, and Moore was placed on the Lisa Leslie Award watch list, which recognizes the

nation's best center.

"They're not just tall drinks of water out there," Pebley said. "They've become more skilled players on both ends of the floor, more complete players; they've trusted the process and their development."

The seniors also headline the physicality that Pebley raved about, as she called this team "the most physical she has coached."

The team will look to their physicality as they compete in a Big 12 conference headlined by its size. Baylor's Kalani Brown, the conference's preseason player of the year, stands at 6"5' and averaged 20.1 PPG last season. The Bears also boast 6"4' junior Lauren Cox and Texas' Charli Collier was named the Newcomer of the Year standing at 6"5'.

"The Big 12 is a league that whatever teams post players aren't in foul trouble, you got a chance to win," Pebley said.

Along with eight

returning players, the Horned Frogs welcomed four first-year players and two transfers in the offseason. The team's only loss outside of graduating seniors Toree Thompson and Sydney Coleman was junior guard Amber Ramirez, who transferred to Arkansas.

The incoming class includes post players Becky Obinma and Yummy Morris, whom Pebley hopes will add depth and length off of the bench. Both stand at 6"3'.

"Having length is great but only if length is good," she said. "They've got to have talent."

Senior South Dakota transfer Jaycee Bradley will have to sit out a year due to NCAA rules, but sophomore Oregon transfer Anneli Maley will be immediately eligible.

Maley, an Australian native, is a 6"2' guard/forward combo that will add a versatility and tenacity to the team.

Pebley said that she will increase TCU's defensive depth with her ability to guard both guards and forwards.

The team will also look to Maley to force turnovers and play smart, two tenants of any good team.

"She's somebody that's going to get deflections, she's going to get steals, she's an incredible rebounder and she takes smart shots," Pebley said. "She takes care of the ball and doesn't lose you possessions. She only gives you possessions."

Pebley said they wanted to improve their strength of schedule this season in order to improve their RPI, a metric used when selecting teams for the NCAA tournament in the spring.

"We scheduled them early intentional-ly because of that RPI they have," she said. "We wanted to start the season off with a high RPI team to help our RPI as it moves forward."



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MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Cruz defeats O'Rourke, keeps seat

BY KATIE CARTER
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Republican Sen. Ted Cruz declared victory Tuesday evening after a hard fought contest with Democrat Beto O'Rourke.

Cruz, who was outspent by O'Rourke, was leading 51-48 with 80 percent of votes counted.

"My responsibility is to represent every Texan," said Cruz in his acceptance speech. "This election wasn't about me and it wasn't about Beto O'Rourke. This election was a battle of ideas... and the people of Texas decided this race."

O'Rourke, who was



Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, raises his hands while delivery his victory speech during an election night party, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, in Houston.

trying to become the first Democrat elected to the Senate in 30

years, claimed the votes in urban areas like Houston, Dallas and

Austin. "This loss does nothing to diminish how I feel about Texas or this



(AP PHOTO/ERIC GAY)

Rep. Beto O'Rourke, the 2018 Democratic Candidate for U.S. Senate in Texas, right, stands with his wife, Amy Sanders, as he concedes to Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, at his election night party.

country," O'Rourke said in his concession speech.

During his concession speech O'Rourke encouraged a less polarized Texas and America. "I will work with him or with anyone, anytime, anywhere, to make sure that the same way you have been there for us, we will be there for you. Not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Texans and Americans."

Texas displayed unprecedented energy this midterm election, with early voter turnout exceeding the state's total turnout in the 2014 midterm elections — even rivaling voter turnout in the 2016 presidential election.

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SPORTS

Soccer earns third consecutive NCAA appearance

BY ROBBIE VAGLIO

MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

For the third consecutive season, TCU soccer will participate in the NCAA Tournament.

The NCAA announced the 64-team field during its annual selection show Monday afternoon. The Horned Frogs are matched-up with the Brigham Young University (BYU) Cougars.

"It's important we show a level of consistency with our play and winning games and getting to the NCAA Tournament," said TCU head coach Eric Bell. "Every year we've gotten a little bit better. I'm happy with our progress



PHOTO BY JACK WALLACE

The NCAA announced the 64-team tournament field Monday afternoon.

but still looking for more as we move into the tournament."

Led by junior forward Elise Flake, BYU--an automatic bid to the tournament from the West Coast Conference--

-finished the regular season and conference tournament with a 13-4-1 record, including a record of 8-1 in conference play.

Flake has recorded 31 points on the season, 15 goals and six assists.

Goalkeeper Sabrina Davis boasts a goal against average of 1.02 and a .762 save percentage.

Both teams faced one common opponent this season: the Santa Clara Broncos. The Horned Frogs lost to the Broncos 3-0 on Sept. 13 while the Cougars defeated Santa Clara, 2-0 Oct. 27.

The team held a watch party for the selection show and familiar faces from the TCU Athletics community were on-hand to support. Men's basketball head coach Jamie Dixon, volleyball head coach Jill Kramer and women's golf head coach Angie Ravaioli-Larkin were in attendance at the Stuart

Family Courtside Club Monday.

"Turning around and seeing all of the coaches here, it helps so much knowing we have so much support," said senior forward McKenzie Oliver. "It's an awesome feeling that over the past three years, our support system keeps getting bigger and bigger as our success gets better."

The club's first-ever NCAA appearance came in 2016, falling 1-0 to Texas A&M in Fort Worth. Last season, the Frogs lost to Arizona in Tucson in heartbreaking fashion, 2-1.

The Big 12's third-place team is confident in its ability to win under the lights of Garvey-Rosenthal, posting a 7-1-2 record in front of their home crowd this season.

"We will need a home-field advantage," Bell said. "BYU is a good team and they'll be a worthy opponent. Having home field advantage will get us over the edge."

First-year forwards Messiah Bright and Maddy Warren have contributed heavily to the team's offensive production this season.

Bright, the Co-Big 12 Freshman of the Year, has recorded five goals and 11 points on the season and Warren is tied with senior forward Kayla Hill for the team lead in goals with six. Warren leads the team with 16 points.

Sophomore goalie Emily Alvarado has six shutouts on the season and holds a .820 save percentage and a 0.85 goals against average.

Sophomore midfielder Yazmeen Ryan, a first-team all-conference selection, led the team with 9 points in Big 12 play.

"For me being through this for three seasons now, the whole message is to have fun as we go because you never know when our season is going to end," Oliver said.

The Horned Frogs serve as a first-round host for the second time in three seasons. Kickoff against BYU is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium.

The winner of the contest will face the winner of the Texas A&M-North Texas game at a site to be determined.

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SPORTS

National expectations match Dixon's for No. 20 TCU

BY GARRETT PODELL
MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

Head basketball coach Jamie Dixon arrived at TCU in a hurry to succeed.

An NIT Championship, followed by the first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1998 has TCU starting the season as a top 25 team. But Dixon wants more.

"In my mind it hasn't been fast enough, we're in a hurry even though I know it takes time and patience to get better," said Dixon.

He's looking for No. 20 TCU to make back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances for the first time since 1952-1953.

After making the leap offensively last season, scoring 82.1 points per game, up nearly seven points from the 2016-2017 season, this year's climb back to the Big Dance will start with defense.

The Horned Frogs will look vastly different as Vladimir Brodziansky and Ahmed Hamdy have graduated and been replaced by a couple of near-seven footers at center in redshirt first-year Kevin Samuel and the No. 1 junior-college recruit Yuat Alok and two more 6'10 first-years in Angus McWilliam and Russell Barlow.

"We're going to be a different team since

we don't have anyone that can score on the block like Vlad," Dixon said. "With Kevin and Yuat, they're more of a threat offensively than I thought they were, so we adjusted what we're doing. We're going to incorporate them a little bit more than what we had anticipated."

At the power forward position, the team returns both Kouat Noi, the Big 12's fourth-leading three-point shooter (43.4 percent) and one of its more tenacious defenders in JD Miller. Dixon said the team is working on improving their defensive and rebounding skills.

Dixon has high expectations for Miller, who's

entering his senior year.

"We need him to be a great defender and rebounder for us," Dixon said. "He's built to be a good defender. I challenged him to be the best defender in the league. He's got wingspan, athleticism, size."

Last season, the defensive numbers slipped as the Horned Frogs points per game allowed figure jumped from 69.7 to 75.4.

"We lost our depth and we were limited to begin with," Dixon said. "I think the biggest component to a good defensive team is depth."

Dixon said one area of focus for defense has been the three-point line, where TCU's opponents hit on 37.6 percent of their attempts from beyond the arc.

"We did a little better at that toward the end of the year," he said. "Our defense did improve down the stretch, but it took us a little to too long to get that point."

The replacement of Kenrich Williams, the heart and soul of Horned Frog basketball, falls on the shoulders of a TCU backcourt full of experience.

Senior point guard Alex Robinson, who received a Preseason Big 12 Honorable Mention, averaged 6.1 assists per game last season, the fourth-highest mark in the conference. Junior guard Desmond Bane, who's returning as TCU's leading scorer with 12.5 points per game last season, led the Big 12 in three-point shooting, connecting on 46.1 percent of his long-dis-



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Kevin Samuel competes in the dunk contest at the Frog Army Scrimmage on Nov. 2, 2018.

tance attempts.

"Alex and Desmond are the two that have been out there every day which is not a surprise, those are two you can count on all the way through," Dixon said. "We need to practice to get a little bit better, but I like what we've gotten out of those guys as far as effort in practice."

The return of junior point guard Jaylen Fisher, who's coming off another season cut short by a right knee injury, will also alleviate Williams' graduation to the NBA. Three days before his injury, Fisher was showing signs of a breakthrough, scoring a season-high 22 points

on 9-of-17 shooting and 4-of-9 from the three-point line in a Jan. 13 matchup at Oklahoma.

In Fisher's absence, it will be on a few highly-touted recruits to step up in four-star, first-year guards Kendric Davis and Kaden Archie along with 2017 four-star recruits, redshirts Lat Mayen and RJ Nembhard. Hopes are especially high for Davis, a point guard who has exceeded expectations in fall practice.

"I like Kendric a lot, he has a lot to learn, but he's competitive, and he has a good skill set," Dixon said. I think he's going to be a good player."

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Horoscope

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This year you break past patterns that have held you back in the past. You might not even be conscious of these changes. You will notice people treating you better as a result, as they admire your ability to transform. If you are single, you will notice a tendency to splurge more in an effort to impress others. You will draw potential suitors toward you, but might not want to commit. If you are attached, you and your sweetie build more financial security and make some strong, positive investments. SAGITTARIUS will be lucky for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You might find the morning tense and possibly even difficult. Do not allow a close associate to push you beyond your limits. Optimism surrounds you. Don't take someone's efforts for granted. Reach out to a loved one at a distance whom you care a lot about. Tonight: Say "yes."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Try as you might, you cannot deny the importance of a key person in your life. Opportunities emerge when you least expect it. An offer that could increase your income needs serious evaluation. Don't call something a done deal until it really is one. Tonight: Defer to others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Use the earlier part of the day for routine matters. You could be prone to push someone too hard in an attempt to have him or her see a situation as you do. Remember to respect others' differences. You can learn a lot from this person. Tonight: Accept an offer that seems too good to be true.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your mind seems to be focused on a situation that

could play out in several different ways. No matter how you look at this matter, you see tremendous potential. What is stopping you? Go for what you want, and don't doubt yourself. Tonight: Play until you're too tired to continue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might sense that someone is aggravated with you. You might be surprised by what you discover if you let your guard down. Not everything in your immediate realm is exactly as you think it is. Do some much-needed research. Tonight: Start the weekend early if you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Speak your mind without hesitation. At first, you might run into some restrictions. A partner could have a sharp tone to his or her voice. Allow your imagination to flourish, and keep your attitude positive. Good luck follows you. Tonight: Stay open-minded and encouraging.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might be rightfully concerned over a matter that keeps rearing its ugly head. Let go of your reservations for now. Know that everything will work out just fine. Once you stop worrying, you will feel much better. Your concerns seem to melt away. Tonight: Hang out.

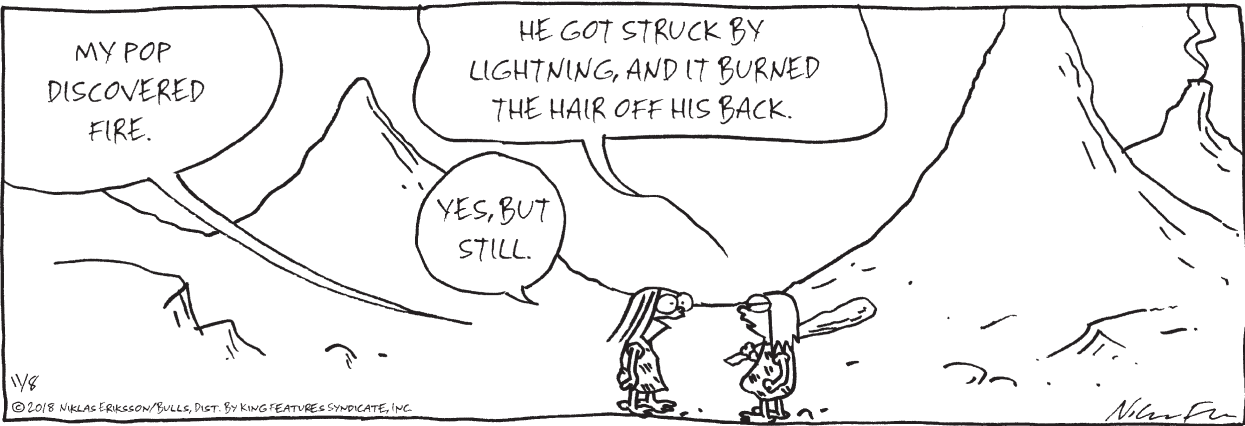
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might feel as if you are on top of the world right now. Please note that you have a tendency to go overboard. You might have a close-to-impossible time reining yourself in. Perhaps it would be best if you just let the chips fall where they may. Tonight: Paint the town red.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You enter one of the most significant days of the year. Jupiter, the planet associated

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with abundance, enters your sign and initiates a new 12-year luck cycle. The first year of this cycle is often unusually lucky. You have reason for celebration. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ A lot is going on behind the scenes, and you seem to be aware of what is happening. You

will notice a tendency to land on your feet, no matter what happens. Honor your feelings, but give others the time to spill the beans or share with you first. Tonight: Play it cool.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Deal with a boss directly. You would be well-advised to pursue a matter of

interest as soon as you can. By midafternoon, a group or a one-on-one meeting seems to energize you. A friend roots for you to take a risk. Know that follow-through counts. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Look past the obvious to see the long-term implications of a certain decision. You know

you must come to an understanding with a higher-up. In the next year, you will gain more prestige in your field. You could be up for a promotion. Tonight: Forward ho!

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Edited by Will Shortz

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- 16 1930s vice president John ____ Garner
- 17 It might pop out of a kid’s mouth
- 19 Thus far
- 20 Seven-time All-Star Dave, who pitched for the Toronto Blue Jays
- 21 Wind instrument
- 23 Heavy metal band whose name is a euphemism for “Jesus Christ!”
- 27 Notable times
- 31 Pacific Northwest hub, informally
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- 34 Going rates?
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- 42 Profundity
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- 44 “Count me in!”
- 47 Distort

- 48 Swinger’s club
- 53 Eponymous regatta-winning yacht of 1851
- 54 Bumbling
- 59 Occupy, as a table
- 60 Ingredient in some cocktails ... or a hint to the last words in 17-, 23-, 32-, 43- and 48-Across
- 64 Occupied
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- 3 Benjamin Netanyahu’s nickname
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- 11 2014 movie musical starring Quvenzhané Wallis
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- 25 Off! ingredient
- 26 Penlight powerers, often
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- 30 Stick in the fire?
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TCU Trivia

Demographics: In 2018, the College of Science and Engineering had the largest percentage of TCU undergraduate students. **True or False?**

SOLUTION FROM 11/1

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TCU TRIVIA ANSWER

False! In 2018, 19 percent of TCU undergraduate students were part of the College of Science and Engineering, while the Neeley School of Business had 26 percent.

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- 38 Put in a hold
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- 49 ____ acid
- 50 Institute
- 51 Wipe away
- 52 Senator Kaine of Virginia
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