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## Baylor Selected as Preseason Favorite in WBB Poll

Irving, Texas -- Baylor has been selected as the preseason favorite for the eighth time in Conference history to win the Big 12 women's basketball regular season title in 2018-19 in a vote of the league's head coaches.

The Lady Bears were also picked at the top of the preseason rankings in 2006, 2009-13 and 2016-17. They have won or tied for nine regular-season crowns, including the last eight, as well as captured the 2018 Phillips 66 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship trophy.

Baylor received eight of 10 first-place votes (coaches are not allowed to vote for their own teams). Second-place Texas received the other two first-place votes, while West Virginia was chosen third. TCU and Oklahoma rounded out the top five. Iowa State was picked sixth, while Oklahoma State was seventh and K-State was eighth, followed by Kansas and Texas Tech.

The 2018-19 season gets underway on Tuesday, November 6 with three non-conference games. League action begins on Wednesday, January 2. The Big 12 Tipoff event is set for Tuesday, Oct. 16, in Dallas at St. Philip's School and Community Center.

### 2018-19 Big 12 Conference Women's Basketball Preseason Poll

- 1. Baylor (8) 80
- 2. Texas (2) 72
- 3. West Virginia 65
- 4. TCU 49
- 5. Oklahoma 47
- 6. Iowa State 44
- 7. Oklahoma State 34
- 8. K-State 29
- 9. Kansas 21
- 10. Texas Tech 9

*(first place votes in parentheses; coaches not allowed to vote for their own team)*

### Preseason Poll History

#### Season

1996-97  
1997-98  
1998-99  
1999-00  
2000-01  
2001-02  
2002-03  
2003-04  
2004-05  
2005-06  
2006-07  
2007-08  
2008-09  
2009-10  
2010-11  
2011-12  
2012-13  
2013-14  
2014-15  
2015-16  
2016-17  
2017-18

#### Preseason Selection

Poll Not Conducted  
Texas Tech  
Kansas  
Iowa State  
Iowa State  
Oklahoma  
Texas Tech  
Texas  
Texas  
Baylor  
Oklahoma  
Texas A&M  
Oklahoma  
Baylor  
Baylor  
Baylor  
Oklahoma  
Texas  
Baylor  
Baylor  
Poll Not Conducted

#### Big 12 Champion

Kansas  
Texas Tech  
Texas Tech  
Iowa State, Texas Tech, Oklahoma  
Oklahoma  
Oklahoma  
Texas  
Texas, Kansas State  
Baylor  
Oklahoma  
Texas A&M, Oklahoma  
Kansas State  
Oklahoma  
Nebraska  
Baylor  
Baylor  
Baylor  
Baylor  
Baylor, West Virginia  
Baylor  
Baylor  
Baylor  
Baylor