



# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

**MARCH 18, 2017 • #23/20 OKLAHOMA 75, GONZAGA 62 • POSTGAME NOTES**

## TEAM NOTES

- No. 6 seed Oklahoma defeated No. 11 seed Gonzaga, 75-62, in the opening round of the 2017 NCAA Tournament Saturday inside Alaska Airlines Arena in Seattle, Wash. The Sooners improved to 23-9, while Gonzaga's season concluded with a 26-7 record.
- Oklahoma will play No. 3 seed Washington Monday at Alaska Airlines Arena at 8 p.m. CT on ESPN2. OU is 2-2 all-time versus Washington, but has won the last two meetings against the Huskies. The Sooners are 0-1 against Washington in the NCAA Tournament (lost, 84-67, in the 2001 Sweet 16).
- The Sooners are now 33-19 all-time in the NCAA Tournament, 31-17 under Sherri Coale and 16-3 in opening round games.
- OU improved to 2-0 all-time against Gonzaga and 1-0 against the Bulldogs in the NCAA Tournament.
- Oklahoma scored a season-best first-quarter 29 points to build a 13-point lead after the opening stanza. Peyton Little scored 12 of her 18 game-high points in the first quarter, knocking down three 3-pointers.
- The Sooners recorded 11 blocks on Saturday, which ranks as the second-most ever by an OU team in a NCAA Tournament game. OU blocked 13 shots last season against Purdue in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.
- OU's 10 3-pointers against the Bulldogs are the second-most by the Sooners in a single game this season. It also ranks as the fourth-most in a NCAA Tournament game in school history by the Sooners.
- Oklahoma posted a .907 free throw percentage (19-of-21) against Gonzaga. OU's .907 clip at the foul line ranks as the fifth-best free throw percentage in school history during a NCAA Tournament game.

## INDIVIDUAL NOTES

### CHELSEA DUNGEE

- Made first career start in a NCAA Tournament game Saturday, adding seven points and six rebounds in 24 minutes of action.

### PEYTON LITTLE

- Led OU in scoring with 18 points, while filling the stat sheet with five rebounds and a season-high five assists. Little has led the Sooners in scoring 11 times this season (OU is 8-3 in such games).
- Is now tied with Kaylon Williams (2012-16) for 27th place all-time on OU's scoring list with 1,173 points. Little needs four more points to pass Nyeshia Stevenson for 26th place.
- Has scored in double figures in three straight NCAA Tournament games dating back to last season. The redshirt senior is averaging 11.4 points per game in the NCAA Tournament as a Sooner.

### MADDIE MANNING

- Had a near double-double with 10 points and a team-high nine rebounds in the victory over Gonzaga. Manning has scored in double figures 20 times this season (ranks first on the team).
- Knocked down 3-pointer for the 11th straight game, finishing 2-of-7 from beyond the arc.

### GABBI ORTIZ

- Scored 12 points and added two assists in 29 minutes of action. Ortiz has scored in double figures 14 times this season (OU is 10-4 in such games).
- Finished 4-of-4 at the free throw line and has made 19 consecutive shots at the foul line.
- Currently ranks 10th in OU single-season history with a .841 free throw percentage.

### VIONISE PIERRE-LOUIS

- Finished with a near triple-double, recording 17 points, nine rebounds and nine blocks in 33 minutes of action.
- Set the OU single-game record for blocks in a NCAA Tournament game with a career-high nine blocks against Gonzaga. The junior's nine blocks are tied for the fourth-most ever in a NCAA Tournament First/Second Round game. Pierre-Louis' rejection total is also tied for the third-most in OU single-game history (9, Nicole Griffin vs. Texas, 2012).
- For the second straight year set her career high in blocked shots in the opening round game of the NCAA Tournament. She posted seven blocks in last year's win over Purdue in Lexington, which was previously the OU record for blocks in a NCAA Tournament game.
- Finished in double figures for the 19th time this season and 36th time in her career. The Sooners are 14-5 this season when Pierre-Louis scores at least 10-plus points.