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## **Oklahoma faces rebuilding**

## By Scott Ahlstrand

Coach Billy Tubbs' Oklahoma Sooners will feature sophomore sensation Waymon Tisdale and a cast of unknowns, as they attempt to win 20 games for the third consecutive year.

Last year's team posted a 24-9 record and made it to the second round of the NCAA post-season tournament. Center Charles Jones, forward David Little and guards Chucky Barnett and Bo Overton all were drafted by the pros, leaving Tisdale as the lone returning starter.

Tisdale's presence eases some of the pressure Tubbs will face in this rebuilding year.

"Waymon is a great player. I know I wouldn't trade him for anybody," Tubbs said. "I don't know if he's the best power forward in college basketball, I'll just say about him what Bum Phillips said about Earl chever it is, it doesn't take long to look down the row."

Tisdale's statistics bear out much of what Tubbs said. As a freshman the 6-9, 240 pounder from Tulsa, Okla., set a Sooner season record for points scored with 810. Tisdale was a consensus All-American selection and was the first freshman selected to the Associated Press first team All-American squad.

Tisdale's fellow starters lack his credentials but should be effective in Oklahoma's run-and-gun attack. Senior Jan Pannell will lead the team from the backcourt. At 6-1, 175 pounds, Pannell excels at the fast break and recorded 158 assists for the Sooners last year. Starting alongside Pannell at the other guard position will be either sophomore Shawn Clark or freshman Tim McCalistar. McCalistar was the Sooners' top recruit and figures to strongly con-



