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The Oklahoma Varsity "O" Association Newsletter

DEAR LETTERWINNERS,

We are excited to announce that the Varsity O Association Spring Weekend will be April 10-11 this year and we are looking forward to welcoming back our members to campus. The registration brochure will be going out in the coming weeks. If you have any questions regarding the weekend, please don't hesitate to call our office.

On another note, the Varsity O website is now officially back up and running! Please visit the site and let us know what you think. If you are having problems getting the site to open, please make sure to clear your browser history. We hope you will be able to join us this spring!

Boomer Sooner!

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Please be sure to like the Varsity O Association Facebook page and follow us on Twitter to keep up to date on all of the latest news about the Varsity O Association and OU Athletics!

REMEMBERING OUR LEGENDS

JAKIE SANDEFER- Jakie was a member of the Sooner football team and 1956 National Championship team.

BOB EWBANK - Bob lettered for the OU Football team in 1948 and 1952. Bob's playing career was broken up by service with the 45 Infantry Division in Korea. He helped OU to a win in the 1954 Sugar Bowl over regular season national Champion Maryland.



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CHECK OUT THE NEW VARSITYOCLUB.COM



We are pleased to announce that the Varsity O Association website has gone through a redesign and is now live! We hope our members find this new site to be more user friendly. Please take a moment to look over the site and let us know what you think. If you see any of your peers in the missing members section, please have them fill out the **Update Your Contact Info** form so we can keep them up to date with news and events. The apparel website link is also found on this site and you can link directly there by clicking the apparel image on the bottom left of the home page. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the new site.

BURRIS, ZABEL NAMED TO 2015 OKLAHOMA SPORTS HOF CLASS

Former Sooner football All-Americans Kurt Burris and Steve Zabel were recently announced as being part of the 2015 Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame class. Burris was a center and linebacker for the Sooners from 1951-1954 where he earned consensus All-America honors in 1954. During that same year he finished second in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Zabel played tight end for the Sooners during the 1967-1969 seasons. He was named an All-American in 1969 and was a three-time academic all-conference selection. He was the sixth player taken in the 1970 NFL draft by the Philadelphia Eagles.

Burris will be inducted posthumously. The induction ceremony will take place August 3, 2015, at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.





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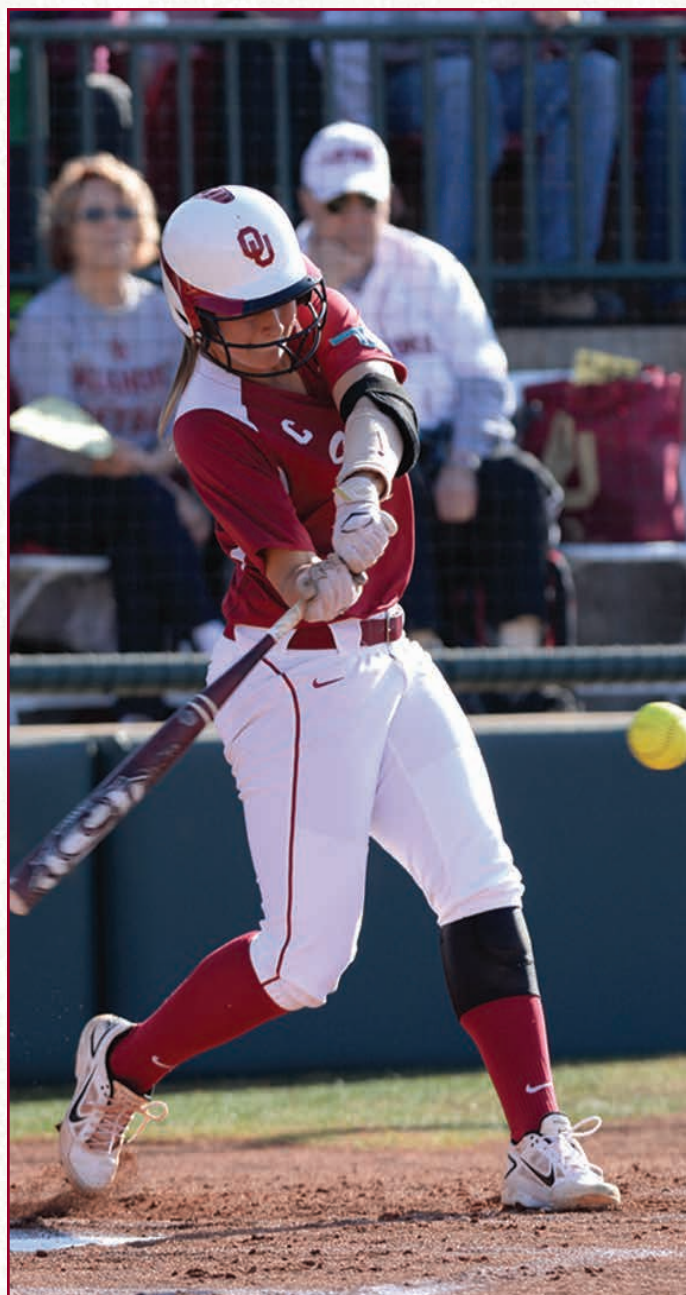
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SOFTBALL SEASON PREVIEW

The three-time Big 12 defending champion Oklahoma Sooners will open the 2015 season ranked first in the Big 12 Coaches' Preseason Poll and fourth in the *USA Today*/NFCA Division I Preseason Top 25.

The Sooners return nine of its players who were starters in at least half of the games from last season, including senior All-Americans Lauren Chamberlain and Shelby Pendley. Senior All-Region Georgia Casey, and juniors Kady Self, Kelsey Stevens, and Whitney Ellis will be returning as well.

Coming from an appearance in the 2014 Women's College World Series, the fourth consecutive trip, and longest active streak in the country, a 51-13 record last season, the Sooners will open the season with a game against No. 25 DePaul on Feb. 5. Others ranked in the top-25 NFCA preseason poll, on the Sooner schedule are, No. 6 Kentucky, No. 11 Washington, No. 12 Georgia, No. 14 Arizona, No. 16 Arizona State, and No. 19 LSU respectively.



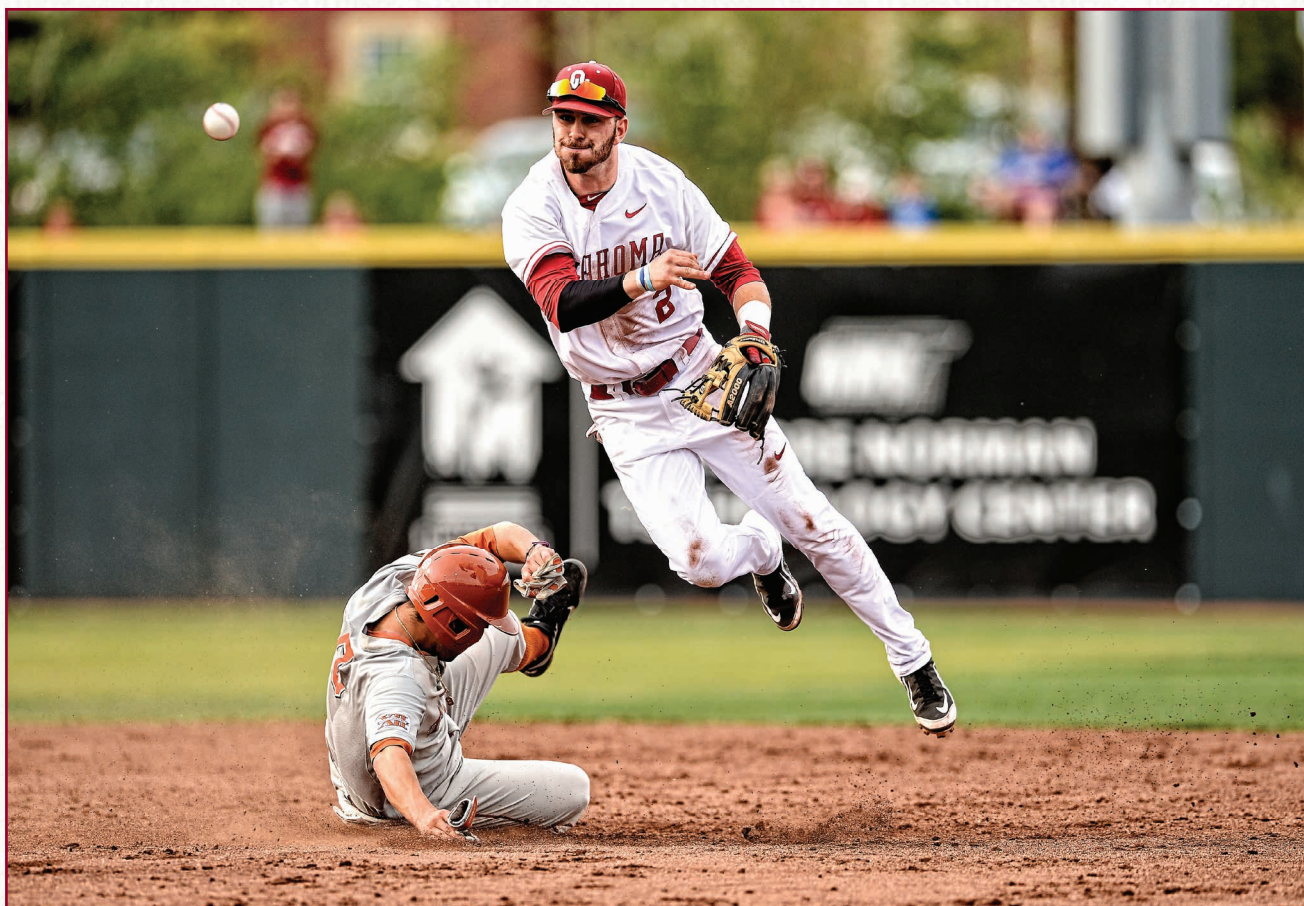


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BASEBALL SEASON PREVIEW

The Sooners are gearing up for the 2015 season that features 32 home games. Oklahoma will its their first five home games on opening weekend from Feb. 13-15. The Sooners will play three games against the Fighting Irish and two against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. Big 12 play will start at home on March 20-22 against Texas Tech. The two other home series in Big 12 play will be on April 2-4 against Kansas and May 14-16 against TCU, respectively.





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MEN'S GYMNASTICS REUNION

The date has been set for the men's gymnastics reunion. The reunion will be held April 9-11, 2015, in conjunction with the 2015 NCAA Men's Gymnastics National Championships. There will also be a special recognition for the 10-year anniversary of the 2005 National Championship team. If you are not receiving information from Varsity O, please send in your current contact information to varsityo@ou.edu so we can make sure you receive your reunion information.

SAVE THE DATE

OKLAHOMA MEN'S GYMNASTICS ALUMNI REUNION

APRIL 9-11, 2015

The Oklahoma Men's Gymnastics program will be celebrating its alumni as well as a special recognition of the 2005 National Championship team. The festivities will surround the 2015 NCAA Men's Gymnastics National Championship held at the Lloyd Noble Center.

Formal invitation to follow.



Questions? Call Megan Lawrence at 405.325.4709 or email mcgoodwin@ou.edu