

## **About the Teams of the Elevance Health Women's Fort Myers Tip-Off Island Division**

### Iowa State

- Legendary head coach Bill Fennelly is entering his 30th season at the helm of the Iowa State program and 37th overall as a head coach
- Fennelly's teams have won 777 games, ranking him seventh in victories among active Division I coaches, including 611 triumphs as the head coach of the Cyclones
- The Cyclones boast 22 all-time NCAA Tournament appearances, each under the direction of Fennelly, including each of the last five editions of the event
- Iowa State has played for each of the last two Big 12 Tournament championships, claiming the tournament title in 2023

### Middle Tennessee

- Rick Insell is entering his 20th season as the head coach at Middle Tennessee, having won nearly 75 percent of his games with the program
- Since 2006, the Blue Raiders have averaged 24 victories per season, winning 20 or more games 17 times and 25 or more nine times
- The Blue Raiders won both the Conference USA regular season and tournament-championships in three of the last four years and eight times in the Insell era (since 2006)
- Overall, MTSU has made 21 NCAA Tournament appearances, won 21 conference regular season titles and 18 conference tournament championships

### Purdue

- This season will be the fourth for former Purdue great Katie Gearlds as the head coach of the Boilermakers, where she was an All-Conference and All-American from 2003-07
- Gearlds has guided Purdue to three postseason appearances in her first three years, including the 2023 NCAA Tournament
- The Boilermakers have made 27 NCAA Tournament appearances, making 12 Sweet 16s, eight Elite Eights, three Final Fours and winning the 1999 national championship
- Purdue has won seven Big Ten regular-season titles and nine conference tournament championships in its history

### South Carolina

- Dawn Staley is entering her 17th season as the head coach of the program, coming off a year in which the Gamecocks posted a perfect 38-0 record and won the national championship, it's third all time (2017, 2022)
- South Carolina has made the NCAA Tournament each year since 2012, earning a No. 1 seed eight times in that stretch, and 20 overall
- The Gamecocks have won eight regular-season SEC Championships since 2014 – including three straight – and eight SEC Tournament titles since 2015
- All time, the program has been ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press poll 83 times, tied for third-most in history (UConn 250; Tennessee 112; Louisiana Tech 83)

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### Belmont

- Belmont's eighth-year head coach Bart Brooks has led the program seamlessly in its transition to the Missouri Valley Conference, going a combined 34-6 in conference play the last two seasons

- Brooks has led the Bruins to 172 victories in his first seven seasons, an average of 24.5 victories per year over that stretch
- The team has claimed five regular season conference championships and four conference tournament titles since 2018
- The Bruins have made four NCAA Tournaments since Brooks' arrival in 2017, including back-to-back Round of 32 appearances in 2021 and 2022

#### Davidson

- Gayle Fulks enters her eighth season as the head coach of the Wildcats, coming on the heels of one of the most successful years in program history
- Though ending its 2023-24 seasons prematurely due to a significant number of injuries, Davidson posted an 18-8 record in games played, a .692 winning percentage that ranks as third best in school history and best since 2007
- Its 18 wins last season are tied for the most in a season since 2013 (also 2021-22)
- Davidson began the year 12-1 overall, highlighted by a win over in-state rival Duke that kicked off a 10-game early-season win streak

#### Michigan

- The longest tenured and winningest coach in Michigan history, Kim Barnes Arico is entering her 13th season with the Wolverines, boasting 261 wins with the program
- In her 12 years, Barnes Arico has led Michigan to 11 20-win seasons with the lone exception coming in the COVID-adjusted season in 2020-21 when the Wolverines finished 16-6
- Prior to Barnes Arico's arrival, Michigan had just four 20-win seasons in its history
- Michigan has earned a berth in each of the last six NCAA Tournaments, having made 12 overall, having advanced to a pair of regional semifinals and one regional final

#### Virginia Tech

- A new era begins at Virginia Tech as Megan Duffy takes over as head coach in Blacksburg, having most recently served as the head coach at Marquette for the last five seasons
- Duffy guided the Golden Eagles to three NCAA Tournaments in the last four seasons, having also won the Fort Myers Tip-Off Shell Division title in 2023
- The Hokies have appeared in the last four NCAA Tournaments, including a trip to the 2023 Final Four, after having not earned an NCAA bid since 2006
- All time, the program boasts 13 NCAA Tournament berths, three conference regular season championships and two conference tournament crowns