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## Lady Raiders down Ohio State for first NCAA Championship

Swoopes sets scoring record Tech."Tech presiden R Rober Lawless said from the for title contest with 47
 with a two-point lead with a lay yup by Cynthia Clinger
but the Buckeyes, after winning an overtime decision over Iowa the previous day, showed no signs of being
too tired to play. The two-point leaad diminished to a one-point
defficit with the Layy Raiders playing lead tag with Ohio State for the remainder of the game. first half, Tech fell behind after Nikki Keytoo made a jumper from 19 feet to give the Buckeyes an 8-7 The biggest lead the Buckeyes were able tomuster in the first half was four points before Kirkland hita 3-pointer from the top of the key to give hhe Lady
Raiders the advantage, lead Tech would hold until Raiders the advanage, a e ead Tect
midway through the second half.
midway through the second half.
Tech went to the locker room at the half owning a 40-31 lead.
"Thad my doubst, TIII be honest with you, I had my doubts going into the half"." assistant coach Roger
Reding said after the game. "But when Coach Sharp told me we have never lost a game when we led at the half, ITelt beterer.
Lady Raider Cynthia Clinger increased the lead to 11 points in the firss few minutes of the second halt
but Ohio States slowly chipped away until the Buckeyes pulled ahead by one point with $10: 53$ left in the
The lead changed hands six times in a little more than a two-minute span but when Tech capitilized on a Kirkland steal after Stephanie Sootw was good for a layup, the Lady R
der of the game. der of the game.

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Seniors Krista Kirkland, Sheryl Swoopes and Cynthia victory over Ohio State at the Omni in Altanta. The Clinger hold up the NCAA national women's basketball triumph marks the first time Texas Tech has won a championship trophy after the Lady Raiders' $84-82$ national title in any sport

## End of an era

Seniors cap careers with title

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| tears were flying, the crowd roared and the Court Jesters blared <br> "The Matador Song" after Texas Tech defeated Ohio State 8482 at The Omni in Atlanta to claim the first national title in the history of Tech sports. <br> But as the fans were cheering and the realization was sinking in, the Sheryl Swoopes-Krista Kirkland-Cynthia Clinger era came to an end. <br> But these seniors earned the right to say one thing at the end of their college careers that few seniors are able to say "We're No. I!" <br> Kirkland basked in the glory of the National Championship but realized what the effects may mean. <br> "We're trying not to get sad because it was our last game," Kirkland said in the locker room after the game. "But this was great. I wouldn't want it to end any other way. It's incredible. What a way to go out." <br> Noel Johnson said the seniors got what they deserved. <br> "It's sad," she said. <br> "But I wouldn't want them to go out any other way. This is <br> other seniors <br> deserve it as <br> much as they <br> do." <br> "It was great," Cli <br> "If we had lost it would <br> there is not a better way <br> could do and we did it. <br> "Besides being great ball players, (Swoopes an Kirkland) are great people and I'm just so glad that was able to be a part of it, get to know them and be ab to play with them." <br> Swoopes, who earned the Most Valuable Player Award for the NCAA Tournament, reflected what her fellow seniors said. <br> "It's unbelieveable," she said. <br> "It's great and I'll never forget it. Just to end your senior year winning the Final Four - that's ju great." |  |
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## Masked Rider's reins change hands






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Does reality exist after taking National Championship?

## Tech topples Commodores 60-46

Vandy coach becomes believer of Swoopes' talent

Brownfield native adds more records to list
Swoopes scores most points in tournament

| by CASEY WESTENRIEDER the Unversitr Dall | For that reason, Dick Schapp Sunday named Swoopes the Most Valu- |
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| LANTA - When people go on a vacation, they y take what they need and bring back more than | Final Fours in a commentary on ESPN |
| eft with. Texas Tech All-American Sheryl Swoopes | Saturday's game against Van |
| is no exception. Although Sw | Swoopes moved into second place among Tech's all-time leading scorers |
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| with a few extra items among her Final Four baggage Thursday Swoopes received the Champion National | record for the highest points scored in a tournament, ending up with 177. |
| Player of the Year Award with tears of gratitude in her eyes. | And the list goes on. <br> Swoopes set NCAA tourney records for most free |
| The next day, Swoopes was awarded her second appointment to the Kodak All-America team. <br> In the semifinal game of the Final Four in Atlanta's | throws made, 57 , most field goals made with 56 , most points in a Final Four, 78, most field goals attempted in a Final Four, 27, and the most points scored in a |
| Omni, Swoopes' 31 points led not only all scorers in the | championship game, men's or women's, with 47 points. |
| Tech/Vanderbilt game but it also was more than any player tallied in the Ohio State/Iowa game. It also was | In Dallas, the postseason tournament was called "Hoopla Dallas." |
| more than any player registered in the men's Final Four | In Atlanta, the NCAA Chapionship series already |

0Reality no longer
exists. How else

UNDERSTANDING THE MAGNITUDE OF THEIR can you explanie.
Teams like
Texas Tech wi Texas Tech winna Ryan tional championHyatt ies. It's fiting that in the city made
famous by Gone With The Wind; the city that rose up from the ashes after Sherman's Army burned it to the ground; that the Lady Raiders would rise from the shadows of the nations' elite teams and burn Ohio
State $84-82$ for the NCA

## championship.

The Buckeyes can only wonder What many have wondered as Tech
made its way throughbigger, highermadeisw way hrough higger, higher
ranked teams at the Final Four ranked
How?
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How does a Tech team that's tallest player is 6 -foot 2 -inches tal outrebound a Vanderbilt squad tha
stants $6-10$ center Heidi
Gill stants 6 -10 center Heidi Gillinghan
How does a Tech team shoot 54.7 percent from the field against an Ohio State team that had been limiting oppenents to 42.4 percent shooting during the tournament? By susupending reality for 48 hours in Altanta. Senior foward Shery swoop was unreal Ind scores 31 and scores 31 and 47 points Senior guard Krista Kirkland was
$\qquad$ Sudan and Spearman played all 40 minutes of the semifinal and championship games. Kirkland was 5 -of-11 from 3-point range and had

## ive steals

Tech certainly was not the Cinderella at this ball. No, Tech
was as pretty as any team here earning a No. 2 seed in the West Region and disposing of three quality teams en route to the final four. Certainly Swoopes, the National Player of the year, brought some credibility to this upstart program ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS THE ONLY OPPONENT tHE LADY Raiders Found trouble dISPOSING OF THIS WEEKEND.
Problem was, most people hadn
victory
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chance.
But against top-ranked Vanederbilt
and the physical play of Big Ten power
Ohio State? Once again you only nee
dash of Swoopes to understand
Understanding the magnitude of
heir accomplishment was the only
opponent the Lady Raiders found
trouble disposing of this weekend.
To a woman they spoke about how
unreal and hard to comprehend the
victory was. Was this the greatest ex
perience in their life? Yes. Can yo
perience in their life? Yes. Can you
explain how it feels? No.
The genesis of this spell-binding
hampionship team goes back to a
emotion-wracked night in Dallas in
emotion-wracked night in Dallas in
March of 1991 .
It was there the Lady Raiders beat
Texas for the first time ever, the win
coming in the semifinals of the SWC
ournament.
That milestone win put into motion
series of events that included two
a series of events that included two
SWC crowns, two Post-Season Clo
sic championships and culminated in of vermin.
his seasan
this season's national title.
People will forget that Tech was
$20-11$ and $23-8$ the two years before
Shery Swoopes arrived to reshape the
world of women's basketball.
Names like Karen Farst, Tami Wil-
son, Teresa McMillan and Jennifer
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was with the satisfaction of a
parent watching a child reach a dream try
that Buck, Wilson and McMillan shed title.
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way from the team they had helped
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