2022 Temple Owls Preview

The 2022 Temple Owls are led by head coach Josh Nilson in his fourth season. He is joined by assistant coaches Rachel Page and Kierstin Sokolowski.





Temple finished the 2021 season ranked No. 36 with a national qualifying score of 195.963 and a record of 3-13-1. In their first season as

part of the EAGL, the Owls won the 2021 EAGL Championship with a program-record score of 196.500 and qualified for regionals for the first time since 1992. The Owls had six placements on the first all-EAGL team and seven on the second all-EAGL team. There were also 20 gymnasts named to the EAGL all-scholastic team.

The 2022 squad consists of six seniors, two juniors, seven sophomores and eight freshmen.

The Owls' top returners are seniors Ariana Castrence, Faith Leary and Julianna Roland. Castrence was first-team all-EAGL on vault (9.850 NQS), floor (9.875 NQS) and in the all around (39.256 NQS) and second-team on bars (9.838 NQS). She was also EAGL Gymnast of

the Week for week eight. Leary was first-team all-EAGL on floor (9.881 NQS) and EAGL Specialist of the Week for week one, as well as the EAGL co-champion on floor. Roland was first-team all-EAGL on vault (9.844 NQS) and floor (9.875 NQS) and second-team on beam (9.844 NQS). She was also the EAGL Gymnast of the Week for week five and the EAGL champion on vault. Other top contributors who are returning in 2022 are Brooke Donabedian, who was named EAGL Rookie of the Week twice (weeks three and six), Cyrena Whalen and Tori Edwards.



Temple brings in eight freshmen for the 2022 season—Jewel Clark,

Madison Dorunda, Anna Hill, Summer Ruskey, Sydney Seibert, Hannah Stallings, Sarah Stallings and Danae Williams. The top freshmen contributors are expected to be Hannah and Sarah Stallings. Hannah Stallings is a two time level 10 nationals qualifier, with her best finish being a fourth place finish on beam in 2021. Her twin sister Sarah was a level 10 nationals qualifier in 2021, finishing in the top 10 on both bars and beam with an eighth and seventh place finish respectively.

The Owls open up the 2022 season on Friday, Jan 7 for the Keystone Classic at home against Pittsburgh, Penn and Penn State.