



2007 PHILLIPS 66 BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP **Ford Center – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Texas Tech University

Practice Day Quotes **Wednesday, March 7**

TEXAS TECH COACH BOB KNIGHT

On rematch with Colorado after 95-74 win in February:

"I think you're always concerned with a team's focus. I've spent a lifetime watching teams that got beat come back and beat the teams that beat them."

On absence of Xavier Silas for Colorado:

"I don't think a player changes the complexion of the team, the way that it plays at either end of the floor. Any time a good player is out, it gives another kid a chance to play. I've seen guys come in and I'm wondering to myself, 'Why wasn't I playing this guy before?' Sometimes it goes the other way. It can't be determined. I think they've got a situation where they will manage."

On Jarrius Jackson:

"He's a kid that really likes basketball. He plays just as hard in practice as he does in games. He really looks forward to it because it gives him a chance to play. As much as any kid I've been around, I think he just likes to play basketball."

On Colorado's Richard Roby:

"I don't think that you ever stop one player, you do what you can to beat a team. In singles tennis, you're trying to beat one guy. This is a little different."

SENIOR GUARD JARRIUS JACKSON

On playing Colorado:

"We know they're a very dangerous team and have a lot of talent. We just can't come into this game half-stepping or underestimate them. The first time (we played), they mixed up their defenses a lot. They went to the zone and had a couple different types of zone, then they went to man. So we've got to be prepared for both kinds of defense."

On NCAA Tournament status:

"We're not sure sure we're in the tournament yet. We've got to try to make some noise and have a good run in this tournament, to make sure we get in. I know we can't have any slip-ups. We can't lose to Colorado."

On being the No. 5 seed after an earlier five-game losing streak:

"We battled back after those tough losses. We wanted to be in the top four, but we're still happy with the seed we have. We just have to take advantage of it."

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JUNIOR GUARD MARTIN ZENO**On playing Colorado without Xavier Silas:**

"It's going to be very different. He contributes a lot to their team. So it's a big loss for them. But they're still going to come out and play hard so we've got to be prepared for them."

On Colorado's Richard Roby:

"He was first team All-Big 12 last year. He's going to come out and try to prove himself. We just have to try to limit his touches and his scoring. We know he's going to score, but we've got to limit it."