



2007 Big 12 Softball Championship

ASA Hall of Fame Stadium

Oklahoma City, Okla. ~ May 11

Game 4 -- #3 Missouri 3, No. 6 Texas 0 -- (Texas eliminated)

OKLAHOMA CITY -- No. 3 seed Missouri scored all three of its runs in the bottom of the sixth to beat No. 6 seed Texas 3-0 in game four of the 2007 Big 12 Softball Championship at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium.

MU (38-21) will play No. 2 seed Oklahoma in Saturday's semifinal round at 11 a.m. on Field 4. Texas (33-18) was eliminated from the championship.

With one out in the seventh, Missouri's Leanne Bowers singled through the left side and then stole second. Sarah Stringer walked to put two on base for Julie Silver who doubled to right field to score Bowers. After a strike out and a walk to Micaela Minner, pitcher Jen Bruck gave herself two insurance runs when she singled to left field to bring home Stringer and Silver.

Bruck earned the complete game win, her 20th of the season. She gave up only four hits, with no runs, five strike outs and no walks. Meagan Denny was charged with the loss after pitching 5.2 innings. She allowed five hits, three runs, all earned with four strike outs and three walks.

Missouri Quotes

Coach Ehren Earleywine

On the Texas game...

"You know what I was most proud of is the fact that our last game was losing the Big 12 (regular season) championship game to Nebraska and I was really concerned about how they (players) were going to come out. I didn't know if they were going to be flat, unmotivated, and still hurt from the last loss against Nebraska, but I was sure proud of the job Bruck did on the mound. It seemed like they put all of that stuff behind them from last weekend and did what they had to do to win."

On Julie Silver...

"When you talk about Julie Silver, I don't know how many people are aware of this, but that's a kid that walked on. She's a freshman walk-on, and it's just an amazing story. All-Big 12 Second Team, and then the winning hit today. If you go back and look she's done it to a lot of Big 12 teams. She's been absolutely clutch all season long."

On the Oklahoma game...

"I feel like Baylor's a great team, I feel like A&M's a great team, but I really feel like Oklahoma is the team to beat in this tournament for a couple of reasons. Number one, this is their home state. They've got a large following. Number two, I think finishing second-place and being second in the nation, they're saying, 'Hey, we're the best team in this conference to win this thing.' I think they're definitely going to be the team to beat, and it's going to be a tremendous challenge for us tomorrow."

Texas Quotes

Coach Connie Clark

"On the Missouri game..."

"I think two things were the difference. We need to get down and play defense and in the short game we need to be able to execute. I think that was significant in this specific game to help open things up offensively. On the flip side of it, you need to credit Missouri, because they got the timely hitting and we didn't."

On Meagan Denney...

"I thought her approach was very good tonight. I thought she did a good job playing pitch to pitch and didn't try to do too much. They got an opportunity and they capitalized on it. Overall, I thought she had a good performance."

Texas pitcher Meagan Denny

"I don't believe that our season is over, so we are going to keep our shoulders back and our heads up. We are going to get back to work in practice and we are going to get them at regionals."