



2009 Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship

FORD CENTER: March 11, 2009

Game Notes: No. 5 Texas 61, No. 4 Kansas State 58

Big 12 Championship Notes...

- Texas downed Kansas State 61-58 this afternoon, advancing to the semifinals for the ninth time in the past 10 seasons under head coach Rick Barnes.
- Despite having a first round bye each of the past three seasons, Kansas State has advanced to the semifinals just once during that span and two times in school history (1999 and 2007).
- With the win this afternoon, Texas narrowed the gap in its all-time series with Kansas State to 10-9. Today's matchup was the first time these two teams have met in Big 12 Championship play.
- Texas will face the No. 9 Baylor in tomorrow's semifinal action where the Longhorns will look to advance to their fourth straight Big 12 Championship title game.
- Texas junior Dexter Pittman grabbed a Texas Big 12 Championship record 20 rebounds surpassing LaMarcus Aldridge's 16 rebounds versus Texas Tech on March 1, 2006. He fell one rebound shy of the Championship mark set by Drew Gooden versus Texas Tech on March 9, 2002.
- Kansas State tied a Big 12 Championship team high with nine steals.

Individual & Team Notes...

- A day after holding Colorado to 35.4 percent field-goal shooting, the Longhorns limited the Wildcats to 29.2 percent field-goal shooting. UT is 14-3 when holding opponents under 40 percent, including 3-0 when holding its opponent under 30 percent.
- Texas center Dexter Pittman posted his second consecutive double-double with 19 points and a career-high 20 rebounds to go along with a career-high four blocks. He is averaging 19.3 points and 10.0 rebounds over the last four contests. This season, he has five double-doubles.
- Texas committed a season-high 22 turnovers. It is the 11th time a Kansas State opponent has committed 20 or more turnovers this season.
- Texas out-rebounded Kansas State 40-37 and has out-rebounded its opponent in 27 of its 32 games this season (17-9 in those contests).
- Texas swatted a season-high 10 shots.
- The Wildcats knocked down six 3-point field goals today, extending their season mark to 214. It represents the third best single-season mark in school history.
- Kansas State sophomore Jacob Pullen finished with 21 points. Pullen has scored in double figures 21 times this season, including seven efforts of 20 or more.
- KSU guard Denis Clemente finished with 10 points and has scored in double figures a team-best 22 times.