



2009 Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship **FORD CENTER: March 12, 2009**

Game Notes: No. 7 Oklahoma State 71, No. 2 Oklahoma 70

Big 12 Championship Notes...

Oklahoma State snapped a five-game losing skid to Oklahoma with tonight's 71-70 victory. The Cowboys are now 2-0 versus the Sooners in Big 12 Championship play (60-57, 1999). OSU improved 18-10 overall in the event and 4-1 in Big 12 Championship games held in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma failed to win at least one game in the Big 12 Championship for just the third time in 14 appearances. The last time the Sooners were eliminated in their first game was 3/10/06 versus Nebraska (63-69).

With the loss, three of the top four-seeded teams have been eliminated. Only No. 3 Missouri, which has yet to play, remains.

The Cowboys will make their sixth semifinals appearance and first since 2007 tomorrow night versus the winner of the No. 3 Missouri and No. 11 Texas Tech contest.

Individual & Team Notes...

Cowboys guard James Anderson's two free-throws with 2.0 seconds remaining proved to be the difference. Entering Championship play OSU led the conference in free-throw shooting at 74.2%. James Anderson leads the Cowboys, shooting 83.7% from the charity stripe.

OSU had five players score in double-figures, marking the second consecutive game it's accomplished the feat and ninth time overall this season.

Oklahoma State was 9-25 from long-range tonight. The Cowboys extended their school record in both makes (304) and attempts (778). Their 39.1% from beyond the arc ranks among the top-five seasons in school history.

OSU freshman Keiton Page recorded a 15 points including four 3-point field goals (4-10 3FG). Page has made at least one 3-point field goal in 27 consecutive games and multiple treys 17 times. The guard is shooting 41.2% (61-148 3FG) from beyond the arc this season.

The Sooners, after leading 34-33 at half, failed to earn the win for the first time this season. Entering tonight, OU was 24-0 when leading at the halfway point.

OU shot 48.1% from floor while limiting OSU to 41.7% shooting. It is now 24-1 when outshooting its opponent.

Oklahoma entered this evening's game ranked second in the Big 12 with a 39.2% mark from 3-point range. OU was just 3-19 (15/8% 3FG) tonight.

Oklahoma sophomore Blake Griffin finished with 17 points and 19 rebounds. Griffin has recorded a double-double in each of the last 12 full games played (not including the 2/21 Texas game when he played 11 minutes). This season, Griffin leads the nation with a school 26 double-doubles however needs two more to match the Big 12 single-season record held by Kansas States Michael Beasley.

In three games versus Oklahoma State this season, Blake Griffin is averaging 25.3 points and 17.3 rebounds.