



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

Game Notes: No. 3 Missouri 81, No. 11 Texas Tech 60

Big 12 Championship Notes...

- No. 3 Missouri defeated No. 11 Texas Tech, 81-60, in Thursday's nightcap. It is the first time since 2003 and the third time in conference history that MU will advance to the semifinals of the Big 12 Championship. The Tigers are 3-8 in Big 12 Championship quarterfinal play and 13-12 overall.
- The 21-point margin of victory is the largest in Big 12 Championship quarterfinals since 2006, when Texas A&M defeated Colorado 86-53 (33 point margin).
- For the first time since the inaugural Championship in 1997, three of the top four seeds were eliminated before the semifinals. Missouri is the lone team, with a first-round bye, still standing in the event. Never has a team won four games in four days to claim the Big 12 championship.

Individual & Team Notes...

- MU scored a quarterfinal-high 81 points. The Tigers entered the game ranked sixth nationally in scoring at 81.8 points per game.
- DeMarre Carroll netted a game-high 19 points and has scored in double figures in 29 of 32 games this season.
- The Tigers shot 55.4 percent from the floor while limiting the Red Raiders to 36.4 percent shooting. Missouri has held its opponent to under 40 percent shooting 13 times and is 12-1 in those contests. Meanwhile, Texas Tech is 0-5 in the five games it's been held under 40 percent shooting, losing by average margin of 15.4 points per contest.
- Missouri recorded eight thefts tonight. The Tigers are averaging 10.8 steals per contest, which is just behind the Nebraska in 1999 for the most in Big 12 history (10.9 steals/game).
- MU out-rebounded Texas Tech, 37-32. The Tigers are 15-1 when they out-rebound their opponents.
- Texas Tech guard Nick Okorie recorded 13 points tonight. Okorie has scored in double figures in nine of the last 10 contests and 18 times overall.
- A night after scoring a Big 12 Championship-record 43 points, Mike Singletary ended the evening with a team-high 17 points. He has tallied 10 or more points 16 times this season.