



## **2009 Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship** **FORD CENTER: March 13, 2009**

### Game Notes: No. 3 Missouri 67, No. 7 Oklahoma State 59

#### **Big 12 Championship Notes...**

- Missouri advances to the Big 12 Championship after it defeated Oklahoma State, 67-59. It marks the Tigers' third finals appearance and their first since 2003 (a 49-47 loss to Oklahoma). Missouri has never won a Big 12 championship.
- MU is 3-0 all-time in the Big 12 Championship semifinals and 10-5 all-time in tournament semifinals (since the Big Eight postseason started in 1976-77).
- For the fourth consecutive Championship finals, a team from the Big 12 North division will face a team from the Big 12 South division.

#### **Individual & Team Notes...**

- For the second time this season, Missouri forced Oklahoma State into 17 or more turnovers (19 in the first meeting on Jan. 21 at Stillwater).
- On the other side, Missouri turned the ball over just 10 times. Over the last six games, the Tigers have averaged 10.3 turnovers per contest (4-2 during that stretch).
- MU's defense held OSU to one of its worst shooting performances of the season. OSU shot 35.6 percent from the floor (second lowest total of the season) and 16.7 percent from long distance (lowest total of season). It was the lowest scoring output of the season (OSU season average 81.8 points per game).
- Missouri junior Zaire Taylor netted a season-high 19 points and two assists. Taylor has 123 assists this season, which moves Taylor into 10th place on Missouri's all-time single season assist list.
- Oklahoma State, which ranked first in the Big 12 in 3-point field goal percentage this season, was just 4-24 (16.7% 3FG) from beyond the arc tonight.
- The Cowboys held a 45-37 rebounding advantage over MU.
- Sophomore Marshall Moses recorded his sixth career double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds.
- Senior Terrell Harris finished with six points and three rebounds. Harris became the 20th player in school history to grab at least 500 rebounds in a career (502 career rebounds).