



2009 Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship

FORD CENTER: March 14, 2009

Game Notes: No. 3 Missouri 73, No. 9 Baylor 60

Big 12 Championship Notes...

- Missouri became the fifth No. 3 seeded team and the first since 2005 to win the Big 12 Championship with tonight's 73-60 victory over Baylor. No. 3 seeds are now 3-3 all-time in the Championship finale.
- It is MU's 12th Big Eight/Big 12 Championship crown however and its first since the formation of the Big 12 Conference in 1996-97. The Tigers' last postseason tournament title came on March 14, 1993 when they defeated Kansas State.
- Missouri improved to 8-1 versus the Big 12 South this season, including 3-0 in the Big 12 Championship. In fact, Missouri is the fourth consecutive Big 12 North team to win the event (Kansas won previous three years). The Big 12 North holds an 8-5 all-time advantage over its counterparts from the South in Championship titles.
- The 2009 Big 12 Championship All-Tournament team was made up of Mike Singletary (Texas Tech), Dexter Pittman (Texas), Zaire Taylor (Missouri), Kevin Rogers (Baylor) and Most Outstanding Player DeMarre Carroll (Missouri).

Individual & Team Notes...

- With today's victory the Tigers have equaled their largest one-season turnaround in school history. MU is 28-6 this season after going 16-16 in 2007-08. It matches the 1979-80 squad, which won 25 games after achieving just 13 wins the previous year.
- In addition, Missouri's 28 wins represent the second highest single-season total in school history. MU won 28 games in 1993-94 and 29 games in 1988-89.
- Missouri committed just 11 turnovers tonight and 32 in three games at the Championship. Over the last seven games, the Tigers have averaged 10.4 turnovers per contest. Meanwhile, it forced 13 Baylor turnovers and posted 20 points off those turnovers.
- Most Outstanding Player DeMarre Carroll netted a game-high 20 points and seven rebounds. He has tied or led the Tigers in scoring in four of the last five contests and rebounding in six of the last seven games. Carroll has scored 20-plus points nine times this season.
- With 60 points scored tonight, the 2008-09 Baylor squad is just seven points shy of becoming the highest scoring team in school history (2007-08 scored 2,601 in 33 games).
- With six 3-point field goals tonight, Baylor moved to second on the school's single-season 3-pointers made list with 274 (275 3FGM, 2007-08) on the season. The Bears have made at least one 3-point field goal in 546 consecutive contests.
- Baylor guard Curtis Jerrells recorded a team-high 16 points. In four games this Championship, Jerrells averaged 14.5 points and led the Bears in scoring twice.
- Guard Henry Dugat had 12 points and has scored in double-figures in each of the last two games after not reaching the 10-point plateau in his previous 11 games.