



2011 Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship

Sprint Center: March 11, 2011

Game Notes: No. 2 Seed Texas 70, No. 3 Seed Texas A&M 58

Big 12 Championship Notes

Texas improves to 20-14 all-time in the Big 12 Championship and 6-5 in semifinal games. The Longhorns are now 2-3 as the No. 2 seed. This is the second meeting between the two in-state rivals in the Big 12 Championship and Texas has now won both meetings. The Longhorns have now reached the final game in five of the last seven years (2004, 2006, 2007, 2008).

Texas advances to face No. 1 seed Kansas in Saturday's final game. The Longhorns are 0-3 against the Jayhawks in the title game and 0-4 against KU all-time in the Big 12 Tournament.

This will mark the fourth time in five years that the title game was contested by two top-10 ranked teams. (No. 10 Texas vs. No. 2 Kansas).

This will be the fourth time in six years that Kansas and Texas have faced one another in the Big 12 Championship title game.

Texas A&M falls to 5-15 all-time in the Big 12 Championship and drops its fourth-straight semifinal game. The Aggies have never won a semifinal. This is Texas A&M's first appearance as a three-seed, making their record 1-1.

The No. 2 seed moves to 18-11 all-time while the No. 3 seed falls to 25-10.

Individual & Team Notes

Texas A&M's 28 total rebounds was the Aggies' third-lowest mark of the season. The Aggies only managed 25 against Texas in their Jan. 19 contest. Two of Texas A&M's three lowest rebound totals have come against the Longhorns.

Texas pulled down 39 rebounds, which the second-most boards the Aggies have allowed this season. Texas pulled in 41 in the teams' Jan. 31 matchup. The Longhorns have now held their last two opponents to a combined 51 rebounds. Texas is now 26-2 when out-rebounding opponents.

Tristan Thompson finished with 14 points and 13 rebounds to record his fifth double-double in the last six games and his fourth straight. This was his ninth of the season.

Khris Middleton finished with 18 points and eight rebounds. Middleton has scored in double figures in 26 of 32 games this season, as well as led the Aggies in scoring a team-best 15 times this season and in rebounding a team-best 14 times.

Texas also outscored Texas A&M 20-11 in second-chance points.