



2011 Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship

Sprint Center: March 9, 2011

Game Notes: No. 5 Seed Colorado 77, No. 12 Seed Iowa State 75

Big 12 Championship Notes

Colorado improves to 8-14 all-time in the Big 12 Championship and 8-5 in first-round games. It was the first win in a Big 12 Championship game by CU since March 13, 2008, when the Buffaloes defeated Baylor, 91-84, in double-overtime.

Iowa State falls to 7-14 in Big 12 Championship history and 3-9 in first-round contests.

Today marked the second-ever meeting between Iowa State and Colorado at the Big 12 Championship. Colorado moves to 2-0 in these contests, having won the first meeting (69-61) on March 4, 1999.

The first two games today were decided by a total of three points (Oklahoma State defeated Nebraska, 53-52), marking the lowest combined point differential for the first two games in Big 12 Championship history.

Colorado advances to play Kansas State in Thursday's quarterfinals. CU is 2-0 this season against KSU, winning 74-66 in Manhattan (1-12-11) and 58-56 in Boulder (2-12-11).

Individual & Team Notes

Colorado ended the game on a 13-5 run after Iowa State took its largest lead of the game at 70-64 with 3:02 to play. The Buffaloes, behind seven points from **Alec Burks**, went on to win 77-75.

Alec Burks scored 29 points, pulled down a career-high 15 rebounds and tied a career high with six assists for Colorado to record his third double-double of the season and fifth of his career. He led the Buffaloes in rebounding for the 11th time this season and 25th time of his career.

Andre Roberson tied a career high with 15 rebounds for Colorado, marking the third time this season that Burks and Roberson have had double-digit rebounds in the same game (2-1-11 vs. Iowa State; 2-26-11 vs. Texas). The Buffaloes are 3-0 in those contests.

Cory Higgins, the Colorado school-record holder for career minutes, played in 35 minutes to eclipse the 1,000-minute mark for the fourth consecutive season.

Jake Anderson scored a career-high 33 points on 13-of-20 shooting to lead Iowa State. His 13 field goals made was a career high. Anderson's 33 points ties for the second-most points scored in Sprint Center history, tying Oklahoma's Blake Griffin (3-21-09 vs. Michigan). It was the 19th 30-point game in Big 12 Championship history, tying him for fourth all-time in single-game scoring.