



Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship

GAME NOTES

SPRINT CENTER: March 8, 2018

No. 3 West Virginia 78, No. 6 Baylor 65

Big 12 Championship Notes

- West Virginia advanced to the semifinals for the third straight year, winning both of its previous appearances. The Mountaineers are 1-0 all-time vs. Kansas State in the Big 12 Championship.
- West Virginia and Baylor met for only the second time in the Big 12 Championship. The Bears won the previous meeting in the 2015 quarterfinals. West Virginia is now 3-2 all-time in the quarterfinals.
- This marks the fifth time in Big 12 Championship history that the top four seeds advanced to the semifinals (2000, 2005, 2010, 2015).
- The No. 3 seed is 8-8 all-time in the semifinals of the Big 12 Championship and has lost six straight semifinal games.
- Baylor is now 7-6 all-time in quarterfinals, after falling in that round each of the past two years, and 0-2 all-time as a No. 6 seed.
- The No. 3 seed is now 15-5 all-time vs. the No. 6 seed in the Big 12 Championship and has won five of the last six meetings.

Individual & Team Notes

- West Virginia used a 10-0 first-half run to take a 25-20 lead with 1:50 remaining before the break, its first lead since 2-0 to start the game. West Virginia is 20-5 this season when leading at halftime.
- West Virginia senior Jevon Carter notched his fourth double-double of the season with 18 points and 11 assists. He set the Mountaineers' individual Big 12 Championship records for assists (11), breaking his mark of six set last year vs. Kansas State in the semifinals, and steals (6). Carter moved up to second all-time for steals (95) on the West Virginia single-season list. Carter is also the all-time single-season assists (212) leader for the Mountaineers.
- West Virginia junior Esa Ahmad recorded season highs for points (21) and steals (3). As a team, the Mountaineers had 12 steals.
- The West Virginia defense forced 22 Baylor turnovers, which is the Bears season high and their highest in a Big 12 Championship game.
- Baylor senior Manu Lacomte led the team in scoring for the 14th time this season with 27 points, which also marked his ninth 20-plus scoring game, including 10-11 from the free throw line.
- Baylor senior Jo Lual-Acuil, Jr., had four blocks and moved into a tie for fifth on the Bears all-time list, tying Mamadu Diene (145).

Session Attendance: 17,652

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