



Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship

GAME NOTES

SPRINT CENTER: March 16, 2019

No. 3 Kansas 66, No. 5 Iowa State 78

Big 12 Championship Notes

- The No. 5 Iowa State Cyclones won their fifth Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship final, holding a perfect 5-0 record in those games. The Cyclones become the fourth team seeded No. 5 or higher to play in the championship final, and with the win, become the highest seed to ever win the title. They are the only team to win a championship without holding a top-three seed (No. 4 in 2014 and 2017).
- Iowa State head coach Steve Prohm wins his second championship in four seasons leading the Cyclones, tying Fred Hoiberg for the most Big 12 titles in Cyclone history.
- This is the 14th championship final for the No. 3 Kansas Jayhawks, going 11-3 in those games. The Jayhawks have qualified for the most Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship finals, more than doubling second-place Texas' six appearances. Kansas took down West Virginia 81-70 on March 10, 2018 to win last year's championship.
- Today's game marks the sixth time the Cyclones and Jayhawks have met in championship play, each team winning three games. The only other championship final between the squads came on March 14, 2015, a 70-66 victory for Iowa State.
- Iowa State and Kansas have combined to win the last seven Big 12 Men's Basketball Championships, Iowa State winning in '14, '15, '17 and '19, and Kansas in '13, '16 and '18. This is the second matchup between a No. 3 and No. 5 seed, the other coming on March 16, 2003 with No. 3 Oklahoma taking down No. 5 Missouri 49-47.
- Kansas forward Mitch Lightfoot's nine blocks in the 2019 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship is tied for fifth-most in championship history.
- The 2019 Big 12 All-Tournament team includes Kansas' Devon Dotson and Dedric Lawson, Iowa State's Lindell Wigginton and Michael Jacobson, and the tournament's Most Outstanding Player Marial Shayok.

Individual & Team Notes

- After Kansas tied the game at 21 with 6:34 left in the first half, the Jayhawks shot 0-for-7 the rest of the half, igniting an 11-1 Iowa State run heading into halftime.
- The Cyclones held the Jayhawks to their lowest field goal percentage in a half this season, allowing a 27.8 percent pace (10-36), including a 0-for-9 mark behind the three-point line. That was the lowest percentage by a team in the championship game since Kansas' second half performance in the 2015 final game (5-19, 26.3%).
- Iowa State is 6-3 against AP Top-25 teams this season, and hold a 20-3 record when leading at the half.
- The Cyclones' 12-point win is their fourth-largest in 248 meetings against the Jayhawks.
- Cyclone senior Nick Weiler-Babb holds a 6-0 record at the Big 12 Championship.
- Kansas sophomore Marcus Garrett set a new career-high in rebounds, grabbing 15. This is the first time this season and third time in his career pulling down 10+ boards, also the first Jayhawk to do so in the 2019 championship. Garrett also led Kansas in assists with four, the sixth time leading the team this season.
- Kansas freshman Quentin Grimes tied a career-high in blocks with a team-leading two blocks, the second time leading the team this season.

Session Attendance: 19,066

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