



## Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship

### GAME NOTES

SPRINT CENTER: March 11, 2017

### **No. 4 Iowa State 80, No. 2 West Virginia 74**

#### Big 12 All-Championship Team

**Most Outstanding Player: Monte Morris (Sr. G, Iowa State)**

**Jevon Carter (Jr. G, West Virginia), Deonte Burton (Sr. G, Iowa State), Tarik Phillip (Sr. G, West Virginia), Matt Thomas (Sr. G, Iowa State)**

#### Big 12 Championship Notes

- Iowa State improves to 4-0 in Big 12 Championship title games and 17-17 overall in the Big 12 championship. It is ISU's third title in four years. West Virginia falls to 0-2 in Big 12 Championship finals, having lost to KU last year. WVU is 4-5 overall in Big 12 Championship play.
- The Cyclones knocked down 30 three-pointers over the course of the championship, which ties Texas (2008) for the best mark in three games at the championship.
- Senior All-Big 12 First Team guard Monte Morris had two steals to move him into sole possession of first place on the Big 12 Championship career steals list. He now has 26, passing Byron Eaton of Oklahoma State (24).
- ISU recorded 11 steals, the most allowed by WVU is a Big 12 Championship game.
- The two teams combined for the highest field goal percentage in a Big 12 Championship final, with 54 percent (ISU) and 52 percent (WVU), respectively. It's the first time both teams have shot over 50 percent in the title game.
- Sophomore Mountaineer forward Esa Ahmad tied the school record for most assists in a single Big 12 Championship game with five.
- John Higgins officiated his ninth Big 12 Title Game, which ties him for the most all-time alongside Steve Welmer.

#### Individual & Team Notes

- Senior All-Big 12 Third Team guard Deonte Burton scored 15 points gave him 1,013 points in his career as a Cyclone.
- Morris has now played in the most victories in ISU history (99). He passes Georges Niang. His three assists move him into sole possession of fifth place on the ISU assists in a season list, passing Jeff Hornacek. He now owns two of the top five single season assist marks in ISU history with 200 total assists.
- Iowa State is now 19-0 when leading at the half this season.
- West Virginia held Iowa State senior guard Nazareth Mitrou-Long to eight points, his first single digit scoring performance of the year in Big 12 play.
- West Virginia junior forward Elijah Macon, appearing in his 100<sup>th</sup> career game, scored 10 points, reaching double figures for the sixth time this season.