



Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship

GAME NOTES

SPRINT CENTER: March 13, 2019

No. 8 TCU 73, No. 9 Oklahoma State 70

Big 12 Championship Notes

- This is the first time that Oklahoma State and TCU have met in the Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship.
- 2019 marks Oklahoma State's 21st appearance in the Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship. OSU has a 23-20 record in championship play, and this is the Cowboys' fourth appearance as a No. 9 seed. Previous outing as a 9 seed was in 2016 – L, 71-75 to Kansas State. Last win as a 9 seed came in 2011 vs. Nebraska – W, 53-52.
- Oklahoma State's record as the No. 9 seed is 2-4, and they are 5-2 in the 8-9 matchup overall. The Cowboys have been involved in the 8/9 game in four of the past six years, with a 2-2 record.
- This is the sixth appearance for TCU, and their second as the No. 8 seed. The Horned Frogs have a 5-6 record in Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship play and a 3-0 record in the 8/9 game. As the 8 seed, they have a 3-1 record.
- As the 8 seed, TCU advanced to the semifinals in 2017, before falling 63-84 to Iowa State.
- With today's matchup, the only two teams that have not faced each other in Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship play are Oklahoma State and West Virginia.
- Seven blocks matches the second-best individual performance (twice prior, last Baylor's Isaiah Austin March 14, 2014 vs. Texas) in Big 12 Men's Championship play, just behind Baylor's John Flippin's eight-block performance on March 9, 2000 vs. Nebraska.

Individual & Team Notes

- TCU plays in the quarterfinals for the fifth consecutive season.
- TCU started the game on an 8-0 run, before an Oklahoma three-pointer at the 16:40 mark.
- Oklahoma State's biggest run of the game was a 14-0 stretch over 5:09 late in the second half.
- With his free-throw with 18 seconds left in the first half, senior Alex Robinson (third team All Big-12) moved into 20th all-time on TCU scoring list passing Mickey McCarty and Garlon Green. His 12 points (1,144 career) in this game puts him 33 points behind teammate Desmond Bane (1,177) for 19th. Robinson also led TCU in assists for the eighth-straight time and 29th overall this season with eight.
- TCU's 38 rebounds is a new team-best in Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship play.
- Third straight 20-win season for TCU, second time in school history for that streak.
- RS sophomore Kouat Noi recorded his fifth 20+-point game this season, leading TCU in scoring for the seventh time this season. 20-point output tied TCU's best-ever in championship play – twice prior, last Vlad Brodziansky vs. Oklahoma on March 8, 2017.
- 40th career game in double figures for Oklahoma State junior Lindy Waters, III.
- Waters recorded a new career-high assists with seven – previous best was six against UTSA on Nov. 14, 2018.
- 8th career double-figure game for Oklahoma State freshman Yor Anei.
- For the 12th this season and the third time in championship play, Oklahoma State allowed 10 or more three-point field goals.
- First career double-double for Anei – 17 points, 10 rebounds.
- Anei's seven blocks are a new OSU team high in the Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship. Previous high was four – done twice, last by Ivan McFarland against Texas Tech on March 13, 2004.