



Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship

GAME NOTES

SPRINT CENTER: March 14, 2019

No. 1 Kansas State 70, No. 8 TCU 61

Big 12 Championship Notes

- This is the third time that Kansas State and TCU have faced off in Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship play and the second-straight year that the Wildcats have opened against the Horned Frogs. KSU holds a 2-1 edge in championship games.
- Kansas State makes its first appearance as the No. 1 seed in the Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship, and their 24th overall. The last time the Wildcats entered a conference tournament as the top seed was in 1977, the debut season of the Big 8 Men's Basketball Championship. The Wildcats are 15-22 in championship play, and 7-10 in quarterfinal contests.
- This is the sixth appearance for TCU, their second as the No. 8 seed. The Horned Frogs have a 5-7 record in Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship play and a 3-2 mark as the 8 seed. TCU is 1-4 in the quarterfinals.
- Top seeds are 20-3 all-time vs. the winner of the 8/9 game. Kansas was the last No. 1 seed to lose, dropping an 85-82 result to TCU on March 9, 2017.

Individual & Team Notes

- Kansas State sweeps the season series against TCU, holding the Horned Frogs to their three lowest-scoring outputs against Big 12 opponents.
- KSU junior Xavier Sneed moved into sole possession of ninth all-time with 155 3 FGM, passing Lance Harris (154) and led the team in scoring for the seventh time this season.
- Senior Kamau Stokes picked up two steals, passing Will Spradling (128) for sixth all-time in school history and also tied Spradling for eighth all-time with 105 starts.
- Senior Barry Brown, Jr. has scored in double-digits in 22 of 24 games this season (90 career) and moved into fifth all-time on the Wildcats career list with 626 field goals, passing Chuckie Williams (621).
- After trailing by as many as 12 in the first half, the Wildcats closed with a 21-11 run over 9:01 to pull within two at the break.
- Kansas State took its first lead of the contest with 14:48 to play, capitalizing on a 4:18 TCU scoring drought with a 12-2 run. The Wildcats never trailed again in the contest.
- With 136 career appearances for TCU, senior J.D. Miller matches a program high, equaling Brandon Parrish.
- Senior Alex Robinson has the second-best single-season assist total for TCU, with 230 on the 2018-19 season. He finished four back of Tony Edmond's 1989-90 pace.
- TCU held Kansas State below 30-percent shooting until the under eight media timeout.
- TCU went 8-of-14 (.571) from the floor through the first 10 minutes of the game, but hit at an abysmal 7-of-24 (.280) pace over the next 22 minutes (10:17-8:44) before recovering to a 8-of-13 (.615) pace.
- The Horned Frogs turned the ball over 18 times, a new championship high for TCU. Twice previously they surrendered 15 – both against Kansas – with the previous coming on March 9, 2017. KSU's 17 assists were also a new tournament high allowed by TCU.

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