



## Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship

### GAME NOTES

SPRINT CENTER: March 14, 2019

## **No. 10 West Virginia 79, No. 2 Texas Tech 74**

### *Big 12 Championship Notes*

- This is the third meeting between Texas Tech and West Virginia in Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship play, and the second time in as many years. The Mountaineers were 66-63 winners in the teams' previous championship meeting on March 9, 2018.
- Texas Tech is making their 23rd trip to the Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship and it's their second time as a No. 2 seed. The Red Raiders have a 14-23 overall record and a 1-2 record as the 2 seed. They have a 4-2 record in quarterfinal action.
- 2019 marks West Virginia's seventh-consecutive appearance in the Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship, but their first as the No. 10 seed. The Mountaineers have a 8-6 overall record in championship play and a 4-2 record in the quarterfinals.
- This is only the third time a No. 10 seed has advanced to the semifinals. In the first year of the Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship, No. 10 Missouri knocked off No. 2 Texas 80-75 (March 7, 1997) and advanced all the way to the title game. No. 1 seed Kansas easily dispatched the Tigers, however, winning 87-60. The following year, Texas was seeded 10th and downed No. 2 Oklahoma State 65-64 (March 6, 1998).

### *Individual & Team Notes*

- Texas Tech opened the game with three straight makes before going on a dismal shooting drought. The Red Raiders made just one basket in 14 attempts (.071) over a 10:40 stretch in the first half.
- West Virginia opened up a 17-point lead – its third-largest margin of the year against a Big 12 opponent – with a 17-2 run from 13:55-7:02 in the first half.
- WVU freshman Jordan McCabe recorded his seventh-straight double-figure game with 13 points.
- WVU freshman Emmitt Matthews Jr. set a new career-high with 28 points. He bested his previous career-high (13, March 9, 2019 at Oklahoma State) with 15 points in the first half. It's the second-most points scored by a Big 12 freshman this season.
- Nine-point halftime margin is the second-largest in championship play for the Mountaineers. They led TCU by 11 in an 86-66 win on March 10, 2016.
- Second time in championship play that West Virginia has upset an AP Top 25 team. Previous win was a 69-67 triumph on March 11, 2016 over Oklahoma.
- Neither team missed a free throw in the first half; Texas Tech was 6-for-6 and West Virginia 4-for-4.
- Only the third time West Virginia has won back-to-back games on the 2018-19 season. Last was Dec. 22 (74-72 over vs. Jacksonville State) and Dec. 30 (78-68 vs. Lehigh) 2018.
- Texas Tech sophomore Jarrett Culver set a new Red Raider championship high with five steals, tying his season-high.
- Culver recorded his second double-double in championship play and fourth of the season with 26 points and 10 rebounds. It also marks his first 20-plus point game in championship play.

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