



2011 Big 12 Women's Tennis Championships

April 28-May 1, 2011

Baylor Tennis Center • Waco, Texas
Match Preview

[2] Texas 4, [3] Oklahoma 2

Saturday, April 30 - Women's Big 12 Championship Semifinals - 1:00 p.m.
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RECORDS: Texas 16-6 (9-2); Oklahoma 18-6 (9-2)

SINGLES

1. #26 Aerial Ellis, UT	def.	#124 Ana-Maria Constantinescu, OU	6-2,6-2
2. Krista Damico, UT	vs.	Alice Radu, OU	DNF
3. Marie-Pier Huet, OU	def.	Maggie Mello, UT	6-3,6-4
4. Whitney Ritchie, OU	def.	Amanda Craddock, UT	0-6,6-2,6-0
5. Juliana Gajic, UT	def.	Mia Lancaster, OU	6-3,6-2
6. Cierra Gaytan-Leach, UT	def.	Tara Eckel, OU	6-4,4-6,6-3

DOUBLES

1. #54 Craddock/Gaytan-Leach, UT	def.	Constantinescu/Radu, OU	8-3
2. Damico/Ellis, UT	def.	Ritchie/Lancaster, OU	8-2
3. Gajic/Mello, UT	vs.	Tara Eckel/Huet, OU	DNF

FINISH ORDER: Singles: 1,5,3,4,6

Doubles: 1,2

Patty Fendick-McCain, Texas Head Coach

On the match:

"We played much better doubles this time. Last time against OU, we had the doubles all but sewn up. We had a few hiccups there, but the girls were ready to go get that one back for us today.

On tomorrow's match:

"They did a great job of playing on all three courts. Aerial Ellis hit her stride at No. 1 singles, and getting that one over with helped. Juliana Gajic played phenomenally. She was crushing tennis balls out there. Cierra (Gaytan-Leach) started a bit slowly, but we knew once she would catch fire that she would be fine, and she ran that out. Krista Damico fought her rear end off. It was a shame we weren't able to get that one, but it's all about the team at this point. We're just glad we got it done."

David Mullins, Oklahoma Head Coach

On the match:

"I felt like we started slowly in doubles. Texas played great at one and two. I wasn't really expecting that, I thought we would do better than them in doubles. Then going into the singles I think the disappointment from doubles carried over and we started slowly on all the courts. I felt like we turned things around and played well. I think physically, we are the better team, but Texas stepped up and played their best tennis in the third set and we didn't step up when we needed to."

Match Notes:

Second-seeded Texas advances to the championship final to face the semifinal winner of top-seed Baylor and fourth-seed Texas A&M.