



2007-08 BIG 12 MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Awards Announced

IRVING, TEXAS - Freshman star Michael Beasley (Kansas State) has been named Big 12 Player and Freshman of the Year, the second consecutive year a standout freshman has won both accolades from the Big 12. The two honors highlight the 2007-08 Phillips 66 All-Big 12 Men's Basketball Awards. The Defensive Player of the Year accolade was won by Marcus Dove (Oklahoma State), who shared the award last season. Junior DeMarre Carroll was named the Newcomer of the Year, the second straight season a Missouri player has won that trophy. Sherron Collins (Kansas) captures the Sixth Man Award, while Rick Barnes (Texas) is the Big 12 Coach of the Year.

The official All-Big 12 awards are selected by the league's head coaches, who are not allowed to vote for their own players.

Beasley, a unanimous All-Big 12 First Team choice, set numerous conference records in his inaugural campaign. He leads the nation in rebounding (12.6 rpg) and is in the top five nationally in scoring (26.5 ppg). He set a Big 12 season record for double-doubles with 26, a total that is also a NCAA freshman record. The Washington, D.C. native posted 13 games with 30 points or more, a Big 12 season record and Kansas State *career* mark. He owns 27 school freshman, single-season and career marks and 13 Big 12 single-game and single-season records. His combined point and rebound average overall is 39.0, which would also set a Big 12 record.

Dove is known as one of the Big 12's best defenders and becomes the second player in Big 12 history to win a major conference award on two occasions (Raef LaFrentz, KU - Player of the Year, 1997-98). Dove frequently draws the role of stopping the opponents' top scorer and has recorded 53 steals this season, tied for the fourth-best total in the league. He is also in the top 10 in the conference for blocks with 34, including 21 in league play.

Carroll is the second consecutive Missouri player (Steffhon Hannah) to garner newcomer recognition. The junior forward, a transfer from Vanderbilt, has scored in double digits in 21 outings this season, while grabbing double-figure rebounds on six occasions. He ranks fourth in the Big 12 in field goal percentage (.539) and is among the top 15 in scoring (13.1 ppg) and rebounding (6.6 rpg). He has shot 50 percent or better in a game 22 times in 2007-08.

Collins has been an offensive spark off the bench for the Jayhawks, averaging 14.6 points in his last three outings. He has posted 10 points or more in 11 games this season, while recording 15 assists in his last four contests. The sophomore guard has made at least one 3-pointer in 22 of 29 outings and has recorded three or more assists 14 times. He is the first KU player to win this honor.

Barnes wins his third Big 12 coaching accolade after leading the Longhorns to a 26-5 regular season record. Despite losing National Player of the Year Kevin Durant from last season's roster, he has had UT in the top five of the rankings for a good part of the year. He led Texas to a share of its second Big 12 crown in the last three years and third overall. The 26 wins for the Longhorns are also the most in regular season competition in school history. Barnes is the first coach to be named Big 12 Coach of the Year three times.

The All-Big 12 First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention teams were also announced, while conference coaches also selected All-Defensive and All-Rookie Teams. Kansas junior Brandon Rush becomes just the second player in Big 12 history to be a three-time All-Big 12 First Team choice (Andre Emmett, Texas Tech, 2002-04). Fellow Jayhawks Russell Robinson and Mario Chalmers are part of the All-Defensive Team for the third straight season, while Dove is on the defensive squad for the second year in a row.

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Michael Beasley, Kansas State, F, Fr., 6-10, 235, Washington, D.C./Notre Dame Prep [Mass.]

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Marcus Dove, Oklahoma State, G/F, Sr., 6-9, 215, Long Beach, Calif./Millikan

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

DeMarre Carroll, Missouri, F, Jr., 6-8, 225, Birmingham, Ala./John Carroll/Vanderbilt

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Michael Beasley, Kansas State, F, Fr., 6-10, 235, Washington, D.C./Notre Dame Prep [Mass.]

SIXTH MAN AWARD

Sherron Collins, Kansas, G, So., 5-11, 200, Chicago, Ill./Crane

COACH OF THE YEAR

Rick Barnes, Texas [Career: 444-225, 21st season; At UT: 242-91, 10th season]

All-Big 12 First Team	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School(s)
Curtis Jerrells, Baylor	G	6-1	200	Jr.	Austin, Texas/Del Valle
Darrell Arthur, Kansas	F	6-9	230	So.	Dallas, Texas/South Oak Cliff
Brandon Rush, Kansas	G	6-6	210	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo./Mt. Zion Academy [N.C.]
Michael Beasley, Kansas State**	F	6-10	235	Fr.	Washington, D.C./Notre Dame Prep [Mass.]
Blake Griffin, Oklahoma	F	6-10	243	Fr.	Oklahoma City, Okla./Oklahoma Christian School
D.J. Augustin, Texas**	G	6-0	180	So.	New Orleans, La./Brother Martin

All-Big 12 Second Team	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School(s)
Mario Chalmers, Kansas	G	6-1	195	Jr.	Anchorage, Alaska/Bartlett
Aleks Maric, Nebraska	C	6-11	275	Sr.	Sydney, Australia/Australian Institute for Sport/Life Center [N.J.]
A.J. Abrams, Texas	G	5-11	155	Jr.	Round Rock, Texas/McNeil
Damion James, Texas	F	6-7	230	So.	Nacogdoches, Texas/Nacogdoches
Martin Zeno, Texas Tech	G	6-5	208	Sr.	Sulphur, La./Sulphur

All-Big 12 Third Team	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School(s)
Richard Roby, Colorado	G	6-6	200	Sr.	San Bernardino, Calif./Lawrence Academy [Mass.]
Jiri Hubalek, Iowa State	C	6-11	240	Sr.	Prague, Czech Republic/Marshalltown CC
Darnell Jackson, Kansas	F	6-8	250	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla./Midwest City
Bill Walker, Kansas State	F	6-6	220	Fr.	Huntington, W. Va./North College Hill [Ohio]
Byron Eaton, Oklahoma State	G	5-11	215	Jr.	Dallas, Texas/Lincoln

All-Big 12 Honorable Mention (Listed alphabetically by school)

Henry Dugat (Baylor), Kevin Rogers (Baylor), Wesley Johnson (Iowa State), DeMarre Carroll (Missouri), James Anderson (Oklahoma State), Marcus Dove (Oklahoma State), Josh Carter (Texas A&M), Joseph Jones (Texas A&M)

Big 12 All-Defensive Team	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School(s)
Rahshon Clark, Iowa State	F	6-6	210	Sr.	Queens, N.Y./Beach Channel/Bridgton Academy [Maine]
Mario Chalmers, Kansas	G	6-1	195	Jr.	Anchorage, Alaska/Bartlett
Russell Robinson, Kansas	G	6-1	200	Sr.	New York, N.Y./Rice
Marcus Dove, Oklahoma State**	G/F	6-9	215	Sr.	Long Beach, Calif./Millikan
Justin Mason, Texas	G	6-2	198	So.	Amarillo, Texas/Palo Duro

Big 12 All-Rookie Team	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School(s)
Michael Beasley, Kansas State**	F	6-10	235	Fr.	Washington, D.C./Notre Dame Prep [Mass.]
Bill Walker, Kansas State	F	6-6	220	Fr.	Huntington, W. Va./North College Hill [Ohio]
Blake Griffin, Oklahoma	F	6-10	243	Fr.	Oklahoma City, Okla./Oklahoma Christian School
James Anderson, Oklahoma State	G/F	6-6	195	Fr.	Junction City, Ark./Junction City
DeAndre Jordan, Texas A&M	F	7-0	255	Fr.	Houston, Texas/Christian Life Center

** - Unanimous Selection

Ties in the voting created an additional spot on the first team