



2007 PHILLIPS 66 BIG 12 CHAMPIONSHIP Ford Center – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Texas vs. Kansas March 11, 2007

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- KU improved to 5-1 in the Championship round and has notched consecutive wins over Texas. With five Championship wins, Kansas has won more titles than any other school (OU has won three).
- KU head coach Bill Self is now 8-2 all-time in Big 12 Championship play. He has the highest winning percentage (80.0%) of any coach in Championship history.
- Today's overtime was the first in the Championship round in tournament history. The game was tied at 79 at the end of regulation. It was also the first overtime played by either team in the Big 12 Championship.
- Today's was the highest-scoring game in Big 12 Championship history. The teams combined for 172 points. The previous high of 148 was set in last year's title game between Kansas (80) and Texas (68) on 3/12/2006.
- Texas freshman forward Kevin Durant was named the Big 12 Men's Championship MVP. Through three games, he averaged 30.7 ppg and 10.3 rpg.
- Other selections to the All-Tournament Team are Kansas' Brandon Rush (1st time), Texas' A.J. Abrams (1st), Baylor's Curtis Jerrells (1st and second Baylor player ever honored) and Kansas' Julian Wright (2nd).
- The #1 seed has now won a Big 12-high five Championships.
- Texas' freshman forward Kevin Durant set several Big 12 records during through Championship. He broke the record for most points scored in the Championship. In three games, Durant scored 92 total points. The previous record (79 in three games) belonged to Iowa State's Marcus Fizer (2000). He also set the records for total FGA (31) and FGM (78). The previous record for FGM (28) and FGA (56) was set by Texas Tech's Andre Emmett (three games) in 2003.
- With 37 points in the Championship game, Durant had the second-highest scoring output in a Big 12 Championship game (all rounds). The high of 38 points was recorded by Fizer vs. Baylor on 3/10/00.
- Durant set several single game records. He set a record with 30 FGA (was 24 by Baylor's DeMarcus Minor, 3/9/01). He tied the record with 12 FGM (done eight other times).

TEAM NOTES

- Texas ran out to a 22-point, 32-10 lead with 8:10 remaining in the half. The Horns survived 24-7 run to take a five-point lead (39-34) into the lockerroom. The second half began in the same fashion that the first ended. Kansas took a 61-60 lead on two Mario Chalmers free throw makes with 7:51 remaining. The Jayhawks led by as much as five (71-66 with 3:38 to go) before Texas went on a 5-0 run and led 78-74 (1:04 remaining).

Texas

- Texas has had a player score at least 20 points for the 32-of-33 games this season.
- Freshman forward Damion James tied a season-high with 14 rebounds (also done at Tennessee, 12/23/06).

Kansas

- KU won 30 games this season, the most since 2003 (30).
- The Jayhawks improved to 5-1 at the Ford Center.
- For the first time since meeting Texas in the regular season, Kansas saw four players score in double-figures.

