

Big 12 roundup: KU & Missouri notch wins, while K-State let's one slip away
Big 12 basketball roundup: All the action from this past weekend in the Big 12.

#6 Baylor at #4 Missouri:

Fourth ranked, Missouri Tigers looked to make it two wins over top 10 teams within a week's time, as they faced off against the sixth ranked, Baylor Bears in Columbia. Tigers used a barrage of three-pointers and four players in double figures to notch the 72-57, victory their second victory over Baylor this season and keep Missouri atop the Big 12 standings with a 10-2 conference record and a 23-2 overall record on the season. The Bears now have fell back in the race for the Big 12, going 0-4 against Missouri and Kansas, with a 8-4 conference record and 21-4 overall.

Missouri took down Baylor in Waco with big man, Ricardo Ratliffe having a career game and the Tigers out rebounded the Bears. In Columbia it was a different display by the Tigers that lead them to the win, as the connected on 14 of 28 three pointer's in the contest. Guard, Phil Pressey lead the way with 19 points in the game with guards, Michael Dixon and Marcus Denmon chipping in 16 points each, as well.

For Baylor only one player finished the evening with double figures, forward, Quincy Miller, who scored 20 points. No other Baylor player scored above seven points in the game, including highly touted, Perry Jones III who finished with four points.

Missouri continued to show they are forced to be reckoned with in the Big 12 and the nation, as the cruise by Baylor for the win on Saturday.

Oklahoma State at #7 Kansas:

After handing Baylor a beat down on the road, the seventh ranked Kansas Jayhawks came back home to the friendly confines of Allenfieldhouse to take on the Oklahoma State Cowboys. The Jayhawks wasted no time taking control of the game against the Cowboys leading 51-24 at the half, ultimately winning 81-66 for the Jayhawks twentieth win of the season and tenth in the conference (20-5, 10-2).

All five starters for the Jayhawks had themselves double figures for the game, but it was the big men who were the story of the game for KU. Junior forward, Thomas Robinson lead Kansas with another double-double 24 points and 14 rebounds, but it was junior forward, Jeff Whitey that many have been the biggest story of the game. Whitey continued his success for the Baylor game to another performance finishing the night with 18 points and 20 rebounds.

With the win the Jayhawks are tied atop the Big 12 standings with their rival Missouri, but suffered a loss to the Tigers a week ago. The two squads will meet up in Lawrence on February 25th, which could be a game that decides the winner of the Big 12 conference this season.

Oklahoma State finished the game with four players in double figures, with guard, Markel Brown leading the team with 21 points. The Cowboys fell to 12-13 and 5-7 in conference play with the blowout loss to the Jayhawks.

Kansas State at Texas:

What looked like it would be a nice conference road win for the Kansas State Wildcats, slipped away in the second half and the Texas Longhorns took full advantage to give themselves a conference win at home. The Wildcats lead by 15 points early in the second half, but behind gritty play, offensive runs and the scoring of the Longhorns leading scorer, J'Covan Brown, Texas made a comeback and snatch a double figure win at home 75-64 over Kansas State.

It was truly a tale of two halves for the Wildcats as they couldn't execute the same in the second half as they did in the first half and that is all the Longhorns need was a slim opening to make a run in the second half. The lethal scoring ability of J'Covan Brown struck in the second to spark Texas's offense and the defense picked up the pace, as well for the Longhorns. Brown finished the game with a game-high 23 points in the contest, while three other Longhorns finished with double figures, most notably center, Alexis Wangmene who notched 15 points in the game.

Kansas State had four players finish in double figures also with guard, Angel Rodriguez leading the way for the Wildcats with 15 points, but it wasn't enough for Kansas State. With the loss Kansas State fell to 17-7 on the season and 6-6 in the conference, falling into a tie with Texas for fifth in the conference. Texas is 6-6 in the conference and 16-9 overall on the season.