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Big 12

RPI  
ranking:  
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# 8. Texas Tech (14-16, 6-10) vs. 9. Kansas St. (15-12, 6-10)

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## A CLOSER LOOK AT THE RED RAIDERS

### Starters

**G Jarrius Jackson**

6-1, 185, Jr.

PPG RPG APG  
20.3 4.2 3.0

**G Martin Zeno**

6-5, 202, So.

PPG RPG APG  
13.9 5.3 2.9

**G LucQuente White**

6-0, 180, Jr.

PPG RPG APG  
1.9 1.4 1.6

**F Darryl Dora**

6-9, 250, Jr.

PPG RPG FT%  
7.3 4.5 85.3

**F Jonathan Plefka**

6-8, 245, Jr.

PPG RPG FG%  
6.4 4.3 43.0

### The coach

Bob Knight  
(868-349  
career,  
7-4 Big 12  
tournament).

### The bench

Freshmen  
Dior Lowhorn,  
Michael Prince  
and Alan Voskuil  
have played  
valuable minutes.

### The skinny

Tech probably  
needs a couple  
of victories  
just to make  
the National  
Invitation  
Tournament.

### Key stat

**-4.5**

Tech's  
rebounding  
margin.  
Only Baylor  
(-7.4) was  
worse in the  
Big 12 during  
the season.

### Tech will win if ...

Someone  
in addition  
to leading  
scorer Jarrius  
Jackson  
has a big game.

### Key player:

**G Jarrius Jackson**

**JACKSON** has had to carry the scoring and ball-handling load. He is capable of tremendous scoring bursts (41 points against Nebraska). Jackson is extremely quick and has a nice shooting touch (43.6 percent on 3-pointers). He is Tech's iron man. He averages 38.3 minutes a game, 39.5 during conference play. Jackson gets a lot of his points when the Red Raiders are trailing or trying to close out a game.



## A CLOSER LOOK AT THE WILDCATS

### Key player:

**F Cartier Martin**

Martin, who averaged 10.5 points a game last season, is one of the most improved players in the Big 12. Injuries hampered the Houston product his first two seasons, but at full strength he's become one of the league's most productive players. He averages 18.3 points on a team that scores 68.4 a game. At 6-7, 220, he can score inside, but he's also hit 50 shots from 3-point range. Throw in a team-leading 6.7 rebounds a game, and it's clear that Martin makes the Wildcats go.

### Key stat

**.396**

K-State has the third-best field goal percentage defense in the conference.

### K-State will win if ...

The Wildcats eliminate the 17 turnovers and 35 percent shooting they posted in a 70-56 loss in Lubbock last month.

### The coach

Jim Wooldridge  
(312-236  
career,  
3-5 Big 12  
tournament).

### The bench

Junior guard  
Lance Harris  
averages 10.7  
points and 25.8  
minutes a game.

### The skinny

K-State has  
lost some close  
ones to the  
Big 12's top  
teams. The NIT  
overlooked the  
Wildcats last  
season at 17-12.

### Starters

**G Clent Stewart**

6-4, 195, So.

PPG RPG APG  
4.7 2.2 3.2

**G Akeem Wright**

6-6, 190, Jr.

PPG RPG APG  
6.2 5.5 2.7

**F David Hoskins**

6-5, 225, So.

PPG RPG APG  
12.7 4.5 2.1

**F Cartier Martin**

6-7, 220, Jr.

PPG RPG FT%  
18.3 6.7 83.7

**F Dramane Diarra**

6-8, 245, Sr.

PPG RPG BLKS  
5.0 5.0 43