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ranking:
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7. Okla. St. (16-14, 6-10) vs. 10. Iowa St. (16-13, 6-10)

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A CLOSER LOOK AT THE COWBOYS

Starters

G **Jamaal Brown**

6-0, 185, Jr.

PPG RPG APG

5.5 1.6 3.1

G **JamesOn Curry**

6-3, 190, So.

PPG RPG FG%

13.5 2.8 39.6

G **Byron Eaton**

5-11, 218, Fr.

PPG RPG 3-pt%

7.7 2.0 35.2

F **Mario Boggan**

6-7, 235, Jr.

PPG RPG FT%

14.6 5.6 80.5

F **Kenny Cooper**

6-10, 258, Fr.

PPG RPG FG%

2.0 1.8 48.9

The coach

Sean Sutton
(interim
head coach).

The bench

Torre Johnson
(10.4 ppg) and
David Monds
(8.3) provide
athleticism
inside; G Marcus
Dove shoots
66.7 percent.

The skinny

Inconsistent
Cowboys proved
capable of
blowing out
Texas and playing
a nail-biter
against Baylor.

Key stat

6-0

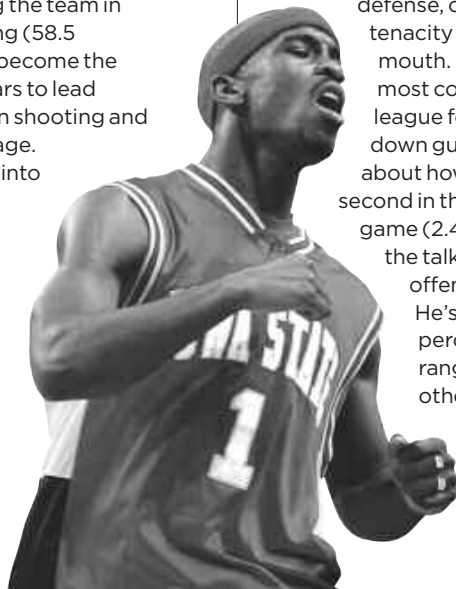
OSU's record
in the Big 12
tournament the
last two years.

OSU will win if ...

JamesOn
Curry gets
hot, Jamaal
Brown and
Byron Eaton
play within
themselves
and the
Cowboys con-
trol the boards.

Key player: F Mario Boggan

The transfer became an immediate contributor, leading the team in scoring and shooting (58.5 percent). He could become the first player in 28 years to lead Cowboys regulars in shooting and free throw percentage. Boggan also heads into Dallas on a scoring binge. He scored 17 points in three straight games, then had 21 and 25 in the final two games of the regular season. He gives OSU another threat from 3-point range, as well.



A CLOSER LOOK AT THE CYCLONES

Key player: G Curtis Stinson

Coaches praise **STINSON**'s defense, opponents loath his tenacity and officials hate his mouth. Stinson may be the most colorful player in the league for his ability to shut down guards and tell them all about how he did it. He ranks second in the Big 12 in steals per game (2.4). He can back up the talk with some nifty offensive play of his own. He's shooting 33.9 percent from 3-point range and can find the other Cyclones. Stinson ranks third in the Big 12 with 5.6 assists a game.

Key stat

9.72

Iowa State leads the Big 12 and ranks 12th nationally in steals a game.

ISU will win if ...

The Cyclones pressure the Cowboys' guards at midcourt, force turnovers and turn them into easy points.

The coach

Wayne Morgan
(146-123 career,
3-3 Big 12
tournament).

The bench

C Jiri Hubalek
averages 8.7
points. Morgan
said that sopho-
more guard
Tasheed Carr has
left the team.

The skinny

ISU is driven by Stinson and Will Blalock. If they get into foul trouble and have to sit, ISU faces a sharp drop-off.

Starters

G **Curtis Stinson**

6-3, 215, Jr.

PPG RPG APG

19.3 5.0 5.6

G **Will Blalock**

6-0, 200, Jr.

PPG RPG FG%

15.4 3.3 44.9

C **Ross Marsden**

6-10, 210, Fr.

PPG RPG FG%

2.8 2.8 54.1

F **Rahshon Clark**

6-6, 190, So.

PPG RPG FT%

13.2 5.7 77.4

F **Shawn Taggart**

6-10, 220, Fr.

PPG RPG STL

5.7 3.7 13