



POST-GAME NOTES

2018 Pac-12 Men's Basketball Tournament Championship Saturday, March 10 // Las Vegas // T-Mobile Arena Final Score: #1 Arizona 75, #2 USC 61

- With today's win, Arizona won its seventh Pac-12 Tournament championship in school history, defeating the USC Trojans for the second time in the championship (2002). This is the second time in conference history that one school won back-to-back regular season and conference tournament titles. The last team to do it was Arizona in 1988 and 1989. Arizona is also the first team since Washington to win back-to-back conference tournament titles. Additionally, Arizona has won three of four for the second time in school history.
- Arizona is now 34-14 all-time at the Pac-12 Tournament, which is the most tourney wins of any other team in the conference. The Wildcats are also 5-0 all-time vs. USC at the conference tournament. USC is now 18-18 all-time at the Pac-12 Tournament.
- Sean Miller passed Lute Olson for the most wins in Pac-12 Tournament history with 17 career victories. Arizona is 17-6 under Miller at the Pac-12 Tournament. Miller has led the Wildcats to three of the last four Pac-12 Tournament titles and is now tied with Lorenzo Romar for the second-most Pac-12 Tournament championships. Olson has the most with four.
- The No. 1 seed has won the Pac-12 Tournament for the ninth time in conference tournament history.
- The 2018 All-Pac-12 Tournament Team consists of UCLA's Aaron Holiday and Thomas Welsh, USC's Jonah Matthews and Jordan McLaughlin, and Arizona's Deandre Ayton and Dusan Ristic. Ayton was named the tourney's Most Outstanding Player.
- 16,501 fans attended Saturday night's Pac-12 Championship game, bringing the four-day, six-session total to 80,550 - the fourth-highest in event history. It marks just the second time in Tournament history that total attendance surpassed 80,000 in successive years following an event-record 86,910 in last year's debut in T-Mobile Arena. The other successive years above 80,000 were 2007 (84,477) and 2008 (81,809).
- Deandre Ayton was named the 2018 Pac-12 Tournament Most Outstanding Player after finishing the tournament with 74 points (24.7 ppg) on 62 percent shooting (31-50) and 38 rebounds (12.7 rpg). After scoring just 10 points and grabbing six rebounds in the quarterfinals, he averaged 32 points and 16 rebounds in the semifinals and finals.
- Tonight, Ayton scored 32 points and had 18 rebounds. He tied his career-high in points after setting it last night. His 18 rebounds are also tied for the second-most in a Pac-12 Tournament game. Only Leon Powe had more when he brought down 20 in 2006. Ayton is tied with Ike Diagu, who had 18 in 2003.
- Ayton is the first player in Pac-12 history to be named Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year and Pac-12 Tournament Most Outstanding Player in the same season.
- Ayton's 74 points are tied for the third-most in Pac-12 Tournament history and his 38 rebounds are the second-most. He is the first player in Pac-12 Tournament history to have two games of 32+ points. Not surprisingly, 74 points and 38 rebounds tops the Arizona record for most points and rebounds in a tournament.
- Ayton now owns the Arizona school record for most double-doubles in one season as his 32 points and 18 rebounds gave him his 23rd double-double of the season. He broke Al Fleming's school record, which was set in 1975. His 23 double-doubles is also tied with Kevin Love for the most by a freshman in Pac-12 history.
- Arizona made its final seven shots of the game.
- USC had 19 rebounds as a team while Ayton had 18 by himself. The Wildcats outrebounded the Trojans 42-19 (+23), which tied Arizona's largest rebound margin of the season. Arizona outrebounded Utah by 23 earlier this year. It was also the first time this season Arizona's opponent didn't grab 20 rebounds in one game.
- Ayton and Ristic combined for 21 of Arizona's 30 first-half points.
- USC's Nick Rakocevic scored in double-figures for the first time since Feb. 8 as he poured in 13 points tonight. His last double-figure game also came against Arizona.
- USC's Jordan McLaughlin finished the tournament with 22 assists, which is tied for the sixth-most in Pac-12 Tournament history. He had nine in each of the last two games.