



2006 Big 12 Softball Championship ASA Hall of Fame Stadium Oklahoma City, Okla. ~ May 11

Game 5 -- No. 5 Oklahoma 13, #4 Texas A&M 6

No. 5 seed Oklahoma (36-18-1) used a six-run second inning to defeat No. 4 seed Texas A&M (32-16) 13-6. The Sooners got four RBI each from designated hitter Samantha Ricketts and first baseman Mariee Mena. Ricketts hit her 10th double of the year and ninth home run. Mena had a three-run triple in the second. Ricketts' homer scored OU's three runs in the top of the seventh.

TAMU shortstop Holly Ridley also homered in the game, her fifth of the season, and scored another run. Right-fielder Rocky Spencer knocked in four runs, three off her 10th double of the year in the bottom of the first.

Norrelle Dickson, Amber Spaulding, Jamie Fox and Kristin Vesely scored two runs a piece for the Sooners.

D. J. Mathis (13-6) picked up the win for Oklahoma. Of the six runs she was charged with, only one was earned. She gave up nine hits, struck out three and walked two. Texas A&M's Amanda Scarborough (15-9) suffered the loss with eight runs, five earned, in two innings. Lisa Gorzycki pitched the final five innings with five runs, four earned. A&M walked six batters in the game.

OU advances to face No. 8 seed Oklahoma State in a Bedlam matchup at 5 p.m. TAMU will play No. 1 seed Texas in an elimination game at 2 p.m. With TAMU's loss, all four top seeds were defeated in the opening round of the Big 12 Softball Championship.

Oklahoma Quotes

Coach Patty Gasso

"Both teams were really wanting to get that first win, especially knowing that Oklahoma State played Texas while facing elimination. It really was an important game for both of us. I liked the way we came out of the blocks scoring early and putting the pressure on. They came right back by scoring and then we came right back. It was a game of who wanted it the most."

Designated Hitter Samantha Ricketts

"This really was a team win. I had a big hit, but there were many other clutch hits in there too. There is normally always someone on when I come up and it is my job to bring them in. It's nice and hopefully I'll keep doing my job."

Texas A&M Quotes

Coach Jo Evans

"Our offense did a good job scoring runs. We expect to win when we score six runs. Defensively, we didn't make the plays in key situations. On the mound we struggled. We had way too many walks. OU took advantage of their opportunities and did a nice job."

Rightfielder Rocky Spencer

"I thought we came out in the first inning looking good, but we just needed to make the plays. We didn't pitch well enough to win the game and they did. We just need to figure out where to find it and what to do. Next game we're going to come out and be a different team. We're going to come out and hit the ball."