



2006 Big 12 Softball Championship

ASA Hall of Fame Stadium

Oklahoma City, Okla. ~ May 11

Game 6 -- #6 Kansas 5, #3 Baylor 1

Centerfielder Stevie Crisosto and pitcher Serena Settlemier each hit solo home runs to lead No. 6 seed Kansas (31-24) to a 5-1 win over No. 3 seed Baylor (36-19).

Settlemier (17-6) gave up one earned run and four hits in five innings. Kassie Humphreys earned the save with one hit and a walk in two innings. BU's Lisa Ferguson (18-13) took the loss with five runs, four earned, in 6.1 innings.

Kansas put two runs on the board in the top of the first when Crisosto doubled with one out. After a fly out and a Destiny Frankenstein walk, Jessica Moppin singled in Crisosto. Frankenstein then scored on a fielding error. Baylor cut the lead in half in the bottom of the fourth when catcher Chelsi Lake scored after reaching base on a single with one out. Lake advanced to second on a groundout and was knocked in by second baseman Kylie Conroy.

The Jayhawks got the run back in the top of the fifth on Settlemier's homer, her 22nd of the season. KU added two insurance runs in the top of the seventh off of Crisosto's home run and Moppin's second RBI of the game that scored Settlemier.

Kansas advances to play No. 7 Missouri at 7:30 p.m. Baylor will face No. 2 Nebraska in an elimination game at 2 p.m. With No. 4 seed Texas A&M's 13-6 loss to No. 5 seed Oklahoma, the top four seeds have all lost their opening tournament game.

Kansas Quotes

Coach Tracy Bunge

"We have relied on pitching for so long, but we have not done much offensively in the Big 12 regular season. We came out and really looked like a different team today. We swung the bats confidently and when their pitcher made mistakes out over the plate, we hit those hard. We played with a lot more confidence and a lot more intensity, and we still got good pitching."

Second Baseman Jessica Moppin

"This tournament is up for grabs. All four of the higher seeds are in the loser's bracket and they have to fight each other to stay in the tournament. We will go into the next game with this momentum and take it one game at a time."

Baylor Quotes

Coach Glenn Moore

"I didn't think we played well at all, I didn't think we had a great defensive effort and I am disappointed obviously. I thought Kansas came ready to play and they looked like a team on a mission and they played very well. We just got beat by a better team today. I think we have dug a very deep hole for ourselves and we're going to play a very good team (Nebraska) and we need to have our best game."

Second baseman Kylie Conroy

"We're definitely disappointed in the loss. Kansas came ready to play and they played a good game, but we're ready to keep fighting."