



2006 Big 12 Softball Championship

ASA Hall of Fame Stadium

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Game 12 -- No. 7 seed Missouri 5, No. 4 seed Texas A&M 3

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. - Sophomore pitcher Jen Bruck went 3-for-4 at the plate and scattered six hits over seven innings on the mound to lead No. 7 Missouri to a 5-3 victory over No. 4 seed Texas A&M at the Big 12 Championship on Friday. The Tigers even their record at 26-26 with the win, while the Aggies fall to 33-17.

MU advances to play No. 5 seed Oklahoma (37-18-1) at 7 p.m. CT on Friday night. Missouri must defeat the Sooners twice in order to move on to the final. This marks the third straight year that the Tigers will be among the final four squads competing at the championship. TAMU will await the announcement of NCAA Championship selections on Sunday.

The winning runs were posted in the top of the seventh inning, when the Tigers put two on the scoreboard to break a 3-3 tie. After sophomore Micaela Minner was hit by a pitch, Bruck singled. Sophomore Amanda Renth sacrificed the runners over and freshman Andee Allen pushed across one run on a fielder's choice. Junior Kathy Masterson then drove in the second run of the frame with a single to second base as Bruck scored.

The Tigers got on the board quickly in the contest, scoring a run on a walk, passed ball and two singles in the first inning. Bruck had one of her two runs scored in the top of the fourth for a 2-0 advantage. Texas A&M closed the score to 2-1 in the bottom of the fourth, before MU went up 3-1 in the top of the sixth prior to A&M tying the contest in the bottom of the inning.

Missouri Quotes

Head Coach Ty Singleton...

"I'm pleased with the way our team scrapped on offense and defense. Texas A&M is a really good team, so we're pleased with the win."

Texas A&M Quotes

Head Coach Jo Evans...

On weird things happening today... "It just seemed like every break went their way. The ball that dropped in the first, the ground ball bouncing off Hinshaw's glove, the ground ball to second base and we're covering a steal that's not there and not getting an out on a squeeze bunt, these are errors that don't appear on the scoreboard that really hurt us today."

"What we take out of today's game is that we need to catch and throw. I thought our kids did a good job fielding the ball, but were unable to take advantage of the opportunities. I liked our fight today. We fought back after they scored and I see that as an encouraging thing. I like the way the bottom of the order started swinging the bat. We'll go home and get better."

Texas A&M's Patti Wunderlich...

On the suicide squeeze run-down... "That's a play that I should have made by throwing it to third. It's hard because I was trying to make her commit and she wasn't committing either way and so I thought I could get her, but I should have just thrown the ball."

On playing catch up today... "I'm not really sure what happened because Amanda was pitching great and hitting her spots real well, but they just had hits that squeezed in."

Texas A&M's Megan Gibson...

On her hit down the third base line ... "I was really trying to get into the at-bat by fouling off balls until I could get a pitch to hit. I was able to get my hands through the ball and hit it down the line to drive in the run. I thought we fought real hard today with our bats and on the field."

Texas A&M's Amanda Scarborough...

"I was a lot more comfortable than yesterday. We did give ourselves a chance to win, but we were unable to follow through with it. I think everything weird that possibly could have happened that game did; balls hitting gloves, balls dropping, nobody covering first on a bunt, those are all weird things that might happen in a single game, but today they all happened in one game."