



2008 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship

No. 8 Oklahoma vs. No. 1 Texas A&M

Recap



No. 8 Oklahoma 4, No. 1 Texas A&M 1

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AT&T Bricktown Ballpark

Sophomore Andrew Doyle provided the best outing of the season by an OU pitcher and helped the Sooners (33-23-2), seeded eighth, top the 2008 Big 12 Championship's highest seed, Texas A&M (42-15), 4-1, on the first day of the tournament at AT&T Bricktown Ballpark.

Doyle (8-4) struck out a career-high 12 batters in his first complete game victory and Aaron Baker, Mike Gosse and Bryant Hernandez each drove in a run to help the Sooners top the No. 10 Aggies. The win was the second in as many games for OU over a top ten team after it defeated No. 9 Oklahoma State on Sunday to end the regular season. Baker connected for two of Oklahoma's seven hits in the game.

The Sooners jumped on top early and took a 1-0 lead after the game's first frame. Jamie Johnson began the game by reaching first base on an error by Blake Stouffer and then moved to third on Aljay Davis' single. Johnson later came around to score on Gosse's ground out to short.

In the bottom of the third, the Aggies tied things up on Kevin Gonzalez's solo homer to left field.

After Doyle and his counterpart, Scott Migl (3-3), cruised through the fourth and fifth innings, the Sooners regained the lead in the top of the sixth inning.

OU tallied three runs in the sixth and built a 4-1 advantage behind three hits and another error on Stouffer.

Casey Johnson started the one-out rally in the sixth and reached on the second Texas A&M error of the game. Johnson eventually scored the first of three runs in the frame on Aaron Baker's double, which also moved Jarod Freeman (single) to third base. Bryant Hernandez provided OU with some more cushion on a sacrifice fly that not only scored Freeman from third, but also plated Aaron Baker after Kyle Colligan's throw from center was off line.

That was all the extra insurance Doyle would need. After giving up the home run in the third, the hurler retired 18 of the final 24 batters he faced and 10 came via a strikeout. Doyle finished the complete game with one run allowed on five hits and two walks. His 12 strikeouts were the most by an OU pitcher since Stephen Porlier struck out 12 Texas A&M batters on March 23, 2007.