



SESSION 4 QUOTES - CHAMPIONSHIP GAME - MAY 10

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Samantha Ricketts, Oklahoma, First Base

On team's overall performance today:

"It wasn't our best and we know that in order to keep going in postseason, especially in regionals, that we're gonna have to do better in offense. Our pitchers came out and they worked hard for us, and we just didn't back them up."

Patty Gasso, Oklahoma, Head Coach

On the team's overall performance and loss to Missouri in the championship game:

"We didn't have our "A" game as I went with our freshman. I needed to take D.J. out of the lineup and I thought Kristen Allen threw fantastic. I was very pleased."

"If we get anything out of this game today, we got our freshman an opportunity on the mound. That's important going into post season offensively. We were not very disciplined overall, but the pitcher did an outstanding job. We were swinging at balls that were too low and in the strike zone. That doesn't look very well when your trying to put runners in scoring position. It was a tough day offensively. We're gonna go back to practice and look at video make our steps better and work on our discipline."

Chelsea Thomas, Missouri, Pitcher

On being named the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament:

"It was a great honor. I did not expect it at all. It's the greatest honor that I have had in my life, so I'm really proud."

Ehren Earlywine, Missouri, Head Coach

On winning the 2009 Big 12 Softball Championship:

"I'm just really happy for our team. We let the Big 12 regular season title kind of slip through our fingers. This doesn't totally make up for that, but it's a good feeling because we wanted to compete against Oklahoma because they came into our home place and beat us twice. Trophy or no trophy we just wanted a chance to play them again."

"We're just a group of competitors that wanted another chance at a team that beat us twice, and that what today was really about for us."