



2009 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship Oklahoma Press Conference Quotes Game 4 -- May 20, 2009 AT&T Bricktown Ballpark

Head Coach Sunny Galloway

Opening Statement:

"I thought our guys really played well, and I think our experience showed up tonight. Our guys understand every game in this Big 12 is extremely important. I thought tonight was about Andrew Doyle coming back on rest. He wanted the baseball, and he showed us that tonight. I thought we played good fundamental baseball."

On Ross Hubbard coming into the Big 12 Tournament with minimal experience:

"Ross has been in and out of our lineup. He has talent and we know that. I really think Ross Hubbard has a chance to be an outstanding college player as he continues to develop. Tonight he was fearless at bat, he wanted the ball to be in the zone so he could move on it and sometimes guys with no experience will shy away from the game and he clearly didn't do that."

Freshman designated hitter Ross Hubbard

On overcoming his lack of experience in a tournament like this:

"The game always finds you when you get put in there, defensively or offensively and I knew being put in there in the eight-hole spot that if I came up and they were in scoring position it'd be up to me to put the ball into play and luckily I was able to do that. "

On the team's level of confidence:

"I feel like our team is playing really well. Our pitchers have been phenomenal the last couple of outings and I feel like we can beat anyone in the nation."

On staying fresh without much playing time in the last month:

"When Cam went down I knew I had to step up. In practice we have an intrasquad session where they throw live and you have to stay sharp off the bench and know you can come in with the game on the line and be successful. Practice and having the mind set that you could be called on at anytime."

Junior pitcher Andrew Doyle

On what his approach was to face the Texas Tech batters:

"I tried to attack them the same and JT (Wise) did a great job calling the game back there. Usually we are on the same page and tonight he knew what I wanted to throw and when the defense is playing as good as they are behind me it's easy to go out there and throw strikes and contact early. I'm a ground ball pitcher and the defense did great, so hats off to them."

On keeping confidence in his hitters:

"This lineup is tenacious and sometimes you just have to be patient. Over the year I have grown to understand that, and I knew they'd come through. Sometimes it's going to be guys that you least expected, but they did a good job getting the ball in play."

On Ryan Duke coming in as relief pitcher:

"He had a real good chance at the beginning of the season to be one of our starters, and he accepted the closing role and just comes in there and nails it. When you are coming out of the ballgame it is pretty much game over and we have a lot of confidence in our bullpen too. So any time I come out of the game with a lead I know that those guys are going to take care of it and be able to shut it down."



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Head Coach Dan Spencer

On struggling against Oklahoma's Andrew Doyle:

"There's truth in that. We didn't get to him at all in Norman; we got to him twice tonight. He really minimized our opportunities. We didn't have a lot of hits and he didn't walk anybody, didn't hit anybody. We didn't have any extra runners or extra opportunities. He was tough."

On Texas Tech's effort:

"I don't think Taylor (Ashby) was thinking that. I think Taylor being the kind of kid he is -- the competitive kid and wanting to make a play -- just wanted to get us off the field. We talk every day about 'hey, someone's going to make a great play and get us off the field.' I thought Justin Berry made one earlier and AJ (Ramos) made a bunch of good pitches to get us off."

On his team facing a strong OU crowd in a neutral venue:

"I would say we stayed with it for nine, but I don't think the crowd was a factor at all. I hope it was maturity, but I thought it was a good. It was a solid crowd, and it was obviously pro-Oklahoma, but I don't think the crowd was the issue as much as it was Doyle."

On his outlook on facing Missouri on Friday:

"I know the Tigers. The Tigers should be an easy club for us to get ready to play; they banged us up pretty good up in Missouri. It was one weekend this spring in conference where we just didn't have a chance. We had a hard time; we really had a hard time. I would expect our guys to be ready to play. Tomorrow we're just going to lift and run and watch a little baseball, watch somebody else play and get ready to go again on Friday."

Senior infielder Chris Richburg

On Andrew Doyle:

"I felt like he's been on both times. He didn't really let us capitalize on very many things tonight, and he didn't let us do the same thing in Norman. You've got to give him a lot of credit. He was on, like coach said. He was throwing his pitches where he wanted it for the most part and when a guy is on like that you really just try and make your own opportunities. I guess we didn't do that enough tonight."

Senior pitcher AJ Ramos

On surrendering the lead to Oklahoma:

"It was real frustrating, but I tried to go out there and forget about it. They just created their own breaks. They created opportunities for them to succeed. They did a great job of that. They hit some great pitches and they just created opportunities for them to score."