



## **2009 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship**

### **Texas Press Conference Quotes**

#### **Game 5 -- May 21, 2009**

#### **AT&T Bricktown Ballpark**

#### **Head Coach Augie Garrido**

##### *Opening Statement:*

"I will go back to yesterday. In yesterday's game, I think we played well. We ran into the best hitting performance we have run into anytime during the course of the season, and it was mainly their doing. That ties into today. Chance Ruffin re-established his presence on the mound and the presence for every pitcher on our team by dominating the game the way he did against a truly good hitting ball club. That became very important to have happen today. He anchored the pitching staff with his performance and shares the opportunity for them to gain confidence from watching that performance.

"Secondly, the responsiveness of the team; we continued to hit, and we continued to hit in a timely way, making productive outs. We jumped out to the lead with two runs and then added four. The part of that that was exceptional was every time they scored, we responded by scoring. That is instinctive, that's the mark of a good team and you don't really coach that. We think it's been there all year long, but you saw it today."

##### *On rebounding from yesterday's loss to Baylor:*

"I think Chance pulled that back together from the mound. He stabilized the pitchers, and there was some unrest due to all the shuffling we did and whether it should have been done. That all goes on with teams, and we dealt with it. He walked out and provided the leadership by his example of pitching nine innings and taking command of the game. We played about the same game offensively and the same game defensively as we did yesterday. We gave up one base yesterday and we gave up one base today."

#### **Sophomore catcher Cameron Rupp**

##### *On UT's offensive performance:*

"Yesterday we hit the ball around real well – 11 hits yesterday and 14 hits today. We continue to stick with our plan and take good at bats every inning when we can and score as many runs as possible. Our offense is looking really good right now."

#### **Sophomore pitcher Chance Ruffin**

##### *On his pitching performance:*

"It felt really good. I don't remember the last time I got over 110 pitches. It was really exciting to be able to get to the ninth inning and shut it out like that. My arm feels great, and it never has given me a lot of problems a lot of pitches. Today my motivation was keeping guys in the bullpen and saving arms for a Saturday game so that we would have to use less today and come out with a win."



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### **Head Coach Ritch Price**

#### *Opening Statement:*

"I congratulate Texas on a pretty dominating performance in every phase of the game. I thought their hitters did a really nice job of working the count, and getting into fastball counts. They were physical with the bat when they got in those positions. (Chance) Ruffin obviously was very good."

#### *On the difference between yesterday and today:*

"The big difference tonight was we knew going into the game tonight we were getting their Friday night starter. You know it's going to be a low scoring game and you have to match them zero for zero, and we weren't able to do that. I don't know how many games T.J.'s won in a row but he's won a bunch. Today he was behind in the count, and we had to throw fastballs in power counts, and they were physical with the bat. I actually thought we hit four or five balls on the button that had a chance to get out of the ballpark and were caught up against the wall. If we had played yesterday when the wind was blowing out, we might have had a better chance."

#### *On last night carrying into today:*

"I don't think it had anything to do with it at all. I think when you play in a conference like the Big 12, every game is a grind. The teams that are the most successful are the ones that flush what happened the day before and play every day of the week. That's something we've been able to do successfully all season long. I thought it was a matchup with their best guy and our best guy. Tonight their guy won. The last time we played, our guy won. If we played next week, it would probably be a different ballgame."

### **Junior infielder David Narodowski**

#### *On falling behind against Texas:*

"Whenever that happens you're always trying to chip away every inning. They got ahead early in the game, but we still had a lot of game left. That's the goal, to try to chip away to get a couple runs every inning and hopefully cut the lead in half and go from there."

### **Sophomore infielder Tony Thompson**

#### *On Texas:*

"With the pitching staff they have, you know you're not going to get many big innings. You have to get a few here and a few there to try and get back in the ballgame. I thought our pitching staff did a good job of keeping it at where it was and giving us a chance to chip away. He was just tough tonight and put us away."