



**2009 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship
Texas A&M Press Conference Quotes
Game 8 -- May 22, 2009
AT&T Bricktown Ballpark**

Head Coach Rob Childress

Opening Statement:

"It was a great game -- from what we did in the last four games to tonight, coming out and answering the bell after giving up a six-spot in the first inning. Coming in and answering with a five-spot says a lot about our character and who we are. The way we responded offensively tonight was what we've been asking for a long time. When everybody's committed one through nine with the same approach, that's what happens."

Junior outfielder Joe Patterson

On his offense in the first inning:

"Kyle and Luke have been doing a great job of getting on base, and he just hung me a slider. I just hit it to right field."

On the team's approach in tonight's game:

"We had a team meeting about getting it done, and we just started holding each other accountable about being inside the ball and not swinging at wild pitches. I really believe our team meeting is what caused that tonight."

Sophomore outfielder Brett Parsons

On his hit in the first inning:

"Coach Deggs called me from the sideline. I'm usually used to it in the later innings, but I was ready to get from the beginning just like any other night. I was just relaxing, and we tried something different in the cages tonight. We did simple soft toss, going back to the roots of what we base this program on, and it made it a lot easier to relax and play out there tonight."

Freshman pitcher Estevan Uriegas

On tonight's game:

"After I hit the guy, I was disappointed, but I knew all I had to do was get the batter to hit the ball in play and my defense would take care of it. After we put up those two runs to get ahead, I knew all I had to do was get out there and throw strikes."



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Head Coach Sunny Golloway

Opening Statement:

"It was a tough night for the Sooners. Our guys did a good job coming out opening and did a good job closing. It was really the bullpen. Their bullpen stabilized and ours didn't."

On starting pitcher Michael Rocha:

"With a 6-0 lead, it is very important that we leave our starter in. He gets the pitch count up and we have regionals next week. He walked the first three guys and then the trip to the mound wasn't real encouraging because he was clearly frustrated. So after I talked to him and he walked another guy and gave up the hit, he was just very frustrated."

On bullpen and regrouping:

"I told our club we need each other more than ever this time in the year, and our bullpen has gotten us a lot of wins and really gotten us to this point. We are not a club that's ever pointed fingers, and our guys have great character. We will just regroup tonight and get ready for the quick turnaround."

On controlling own destiny:

"Two years in a row we have been 2-0 going into our third game and we haven't gotten into the championship yet. God willing 1-1 if we come out and take care of business, we still have an opportunity."

Junior Shortstop Bryant Hernandez

On game being a slugfest:

"That is the Big 12 for you. Every game is a dogfight, and you never know what is going to happen. We told the team that the game is not over and Coach kept emphasizing that. We know that every weekend when we come out and play that anything can happen."