



**2009 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship
Baylor Press Conference Quotes
Game 9 -- May 23, 2009
AT&T Bricktown Ballpark**

Head Coach Steve Smith

Opening Statement:

"I was extremely proud of the way our guys came out and played. This was a very challenging game mentally and emotionally -- coming off of the initial high beating Texas and then to go through a very emotionally charged game with Kansas State and come up short and then have to take a day off and in terms of this event what was a meaningless game. I thought our guys did a great job coming out and having fun and playing. In terms of ending this tournament on a win, I thought this was really important."

On the possibility of being selected for a regional tournament:

"Our strengths of our resume were RPI and wins against the top 100. We didn't hurt that at all here, I think we helped it. The committee will look at our last 10 to 15 games, and I'm sure that will raise some eyebrows. But I think that if our season was flip-flopped -- no change in record, no change in who we beat, just played in reverse -- we're a slam dunk. Therefore you have to look at the body of work. If the beginning of the season isn't important, then why play it? I don't think we're asking for anything, I think we have clearly earned it."

On KU's performances against Baylor:

"That won't happen very much longer. They're so much better pitching wise than ever before. They have improved on the mound immensely, so that day will be over. We took some good swings today. I'm sure it threw some monkeys in their plans when (Robby) Price went out of the game, and I was very impressed with the guys that threw. He's throwing one arm after another, and there's fresh arms coming in one after the other. I think that's the difference in Kansas; they have a lot of good pitching."

Senior designated hitter Dustin Dickerson

On the importance of coming out of the tournament with a 2-1 record...

"Hopefully we can turn the momentum over to regionals, so I think it's going to be huge."

Junior infielder Shaver Hansen

On Baylor's record in the championship this week:

"After coming off Thursday's loss, we swung the bat well today, and I thought Jon Ringenberg did awesome today. He gave up that grand slam but that was the only bad pitch I thought he threw. He came in and threw strikes and filled it up so that's another positive. As far as regionals go, I think we just have to keep going and get in and I think we can continue to win."



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Head Coach Ritch Rice

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"Well, obviously we didn't get a good enough starting pitching performance to stay in the game early. Baylor came out swinging the bats, was physical with the bats. I'll be the happiest guy in America when I see Shaver Hansen drafted high enough to sign. We haven't got him out in three years."

On facing an early deficit in the game and Baylor's Shaver Hansen:

"I knew we were in trouble when I looked at the radar gun in the first pitch (Lee) Ridenhour threw and it was 83 miles per hour. I told Blair outside, 'I shut him down from his summer team like two weeks ago when his velocity had dropped from 89 to 92 and it was 86. I think he's hit the freshman wall. I think he's completely healthy I just think we obviously need to get him bigger and stronger. Obviously, we got buried early. We're trying not to let (Shaver) Hansen beat us because he tore us up in Lawrence and we can't get out of the first couple innings without him putting up a three-spot up on the board. He's an outstanding player and he's one of my favorite players on Team USA, too."

On rebounding and regrouping after this game and getting to regionals:

"I think one of the great things this league does is it teaches you how to overcome adversity and have a short-term memory. If you can't handle the adversity in the course of a 56-game season, then this league will bury you because it's one of the most unforgiving conferences in America. We'll be fine. I think hopefully if our name is called on Monday, we'll be excited to play again. I just hope there's a regional where there are not 9:00 games where we can play at 1:00 or normal baseball time because we certainly cannot play at 9:00."

Sophomore infielder Tony Thompson

On how long it may take to get over the weekend and switchgears and get your heads back in the game:

"I think we'll be fine as soon as we get back because this team is very resilient. We know that we can play with any team in the country, and this weekend isn't going to make that any different. We just need to go back and focus on what we can control and hopefully this next week we'll have a chance to play and show that we can bounce back."

Sophomore outfielder Brian Heere

On looking past this weekend to an NCAA regional:

"I think you just have to flush what happened. I believe we've done a great job flushing bad games in the past and coming back our next game fresh and renewed, so we just need to flush it."