

2010 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship Bricktown Ballpark May 26, 2010 Quotes

No. 6 Baylor 11, No. 3 Kansas State 8

Baylor Bears

Baylor Head Coach Steve Smith

On his team's performance: "Willie (Kempf) couldn't have done any better. It is extremely disappointing to give up a lead like that. I thought the team showed a tremendous amount of resilience to give up that lead and then retake it."

On opting to throw Tolleson after the delay: "If (the rain delay) would have been really quick, I might have run (Logan Verrett) back out there. He was going on an earlier day than normal and I didn't think he was real sharp when he went out there in the first inning. I felt good about putting Shawn (Tolleson) out there because he had a short outing his last time out. He was rested and clearly the first couple of innings he threw, he was effective."

Left Fielder Logan Vick

On the team's offense production: "You have to have runs to win a ball game. No matter how good your pitchers do, as long as you have runs you are going to give your team a shot at winning the baseball game. It is huge being able to come out and put 11 runs up. Our hitters all the way through the lineup are seeing the ball and putting it in play. No matter where we are in the lineup we are getting the job done."

On Kansas State's comeback and his subsequent homerun to lead off the next inning: "They took the momentum over and it is huge to get that momentum back over, because if they kept it there is no telling how this ball game would have ended up. I knew leading off the inning I was going to have to do something to spark our offense back up. I was just trying to get the ball in play and I happened to turn on it and get it in the air and it kept going."

Shortstop Landis Ware

On the win: "Any win for us right now is huge. We are trying to make a regional and we are just playing well recently the last few weekends and we are going to try to keep it going."

On his three-run homerun: "The guy had been throwing me sliders most of the at-bat and he tried to come in on me and I got my hands inside and it felt pretty good."

Kansas State Wildcats

Kansas State Brad Hill

On his team's performance: "I thought Baylor really came out aggressively on us. (They) swung the bats extremely well. Probably, the thing we did is we gave them some help each inning. There was always a freebie in there. We gave them a walk, or two walks then a hit-by-pitch and they seemed to really capitalize on that."

On Kansas State's resiliency: "We strung together a lot of good at-bats and competed really hard. There was no quit in there whatsoever."

Left Fielder Matt Giller

On the attitude of the team: "We were still fine. As hitters, we were still confident coming off that six-run inning. We were looking to score more."

On having a confidence boost after tonight's game: "Having two hits, it helps out. From a mental standpoint, I just have to continue that process these next two, maybe three games."

Catcher Daniel Dellasega

On their chances of making it to the NCAA Regional: "I don't feel like that is something that we worry about right now. We just need to worry about the next game."

On the upcoming games in the Big 12 Championship: "All three teams that we are going to face are very hungry. Everybody is trying to win a Big 12 Championship. We have to be ready to go."