

# 2010 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship Bricktown Ballpark May 28, 2010 Quotes

# No. 3 Kansas State 10, No. 7 Kansas 5

### **Kansas State Wildcats**

#### Kansas State Head Coach Brad Hill

**Opening Statement:** "I thought it was a very hard fought game. Both teams were getting after it today, competing extremely hard. I thought Kyle Hunter really came back and got his composer after that first inning. That could have turned into a disaster. He held it together in the second and third and stopped it right there by not letting those other two runs score. I thought we really strung together at bats today, Coach (Andy) Sawyers had the guys really well prepared."

On Oklahoma's hitting: ""We came down (to Norman) for three games and they really tag you hard. They are a good team and they really can string together at bats, too. They carry that emotion from at bat to at bat, and that is the way they string together big innings on us. It will be really important for us to be able to get that under control somehow, someway. We will have to be extremely tough tomorrow mentally.

#### **Third Baseman Adam Muenster**

On the strategy against Kansas starting pitcher Cameron Selik: "We told ourselves we were going to try to be a little more aggressive and we knew he was going to come at us with a fastball. When he threw it over the plate, we weren't going to miss it. I think we were really aggressive. Mike (Kindel) got some hits for us. Urban swung the bat great. Overall, I think we had a much better approach today."

# **Right Fielder Mike Kindel**

On his team's performance: "Our philosophy during batting practice was that they threw about 70 percent of the balls outside against us and brought the off-speed inside. So, we just sat on the off-speed."

#### Pitcher James Allen

On being able to rely on the offense: "They have been doing it all year. It helps to ease my job. I just go out there and throw my game no matter what. I connect with (catcher Daniel) Dellasega and good things happen after that."

#### **Kansas**

#### Kansas Head Coach Ritch Price

On leaving runners in scoring position: "I think the later it gets in the season, the harder it is to punch guys out with runners in scoring position. Certainly, we failed twice at third base with less than two outs and didn't put the ball in play. If

you don't take advantage of every scoring opportunity you have, especially like that when you don't have to get a base hit, you set yourself up to have to come a long ways from behind."

On making the NCAA regional: "I think we probably eliminated ourselves Wednesday night. I thought coming in to the thing, after we lost the two games with the lead in the ninth inning earlier against Oklahoma, that we had to win two out of three to get in."

# **Starting Pitcher Cameron Selik**

On hits falling for Kansas State: "Obviously, it is really disappointing. The main thing that we emphasize is that once you put a couple of runs you have to go and throw up a zero. Keep the momentum with your team and I wasn't able to do that in the second and third inning. We fell behind early but we battled back, but I put us in a big enough hole that we weren't able to fight back."

On Kansas State's hitting adjustments: "They probably were expecting a lot of the cutters and sliders in, but I just didn't feel like I was as sharp as I was last game. I didn't execute the pitch completely when I really needed to and I fell behind on a lot of guys. When I fell behind, they made me pay for it."

# **Left Fielder Jimmy Waters**

On leaving runners in scoring position: "Obviously, it's not a good feeling. It's no doubt we are struggling right now. When you do that as a hitter you are pretty disappointed with yourself just because you want to come through for the team in that situation."