



2010 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship
Bricktown Ballpark
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Quotes

No. 8 Missouri 7, No. 5 Texas Tech 3

Missouri Tigers

Missouri Head Coach Tim Jamieson

On playing today's game: "It's difficult. We talked about it after the game Thursday night. It's difficult to come out and play hard and stay motivated. One area we did not fall short in is how hard we played. I think the area of improvement that needs to be made is on the mound. I think at one point in time we were second in the league in runs scored in the conference."

On Aaron Seene: "It's going to be fun to watch what he does from here on out. Hopefully, you feel like you had a part of their success beyond college."

First Baseman Aaron Senne

On his decision to come back, and not go pro: "Yeah, I'm still glad I came back. I had a lot of fun. I would make the same decision if I had the chance to do it again."

On the MLB draft: "It's something to start thinking about, I guess. I haven't really yet. "

Catcher Brett Nicholas

On the pitching staff this season: "It could be mental a little bit. They did well. It was really strung out a little with the injuries in the pitching staff. As far as looking forward to next year, every guy was in every position this year. They have a little advantage on it for next year. We can look back on this year and learn from it, but next year is going to be a lot of fun."

On the MLB draft: "If it happens great, if not, I have a great situation here. My main focus is making us a better ball club next year. My number one focus, is on making us a better ball club, making a regional and competing for a Big 12 title."

Left Fielder Ryan Gebhart

On if he was seeing something in what the pitcher was throwing: "No, not really. I was just trying to put the ball in play. I was seeing the ball well."

On playing hard in today's game: "I think it starts with our last loss. Coach Jameison got us together and asked us what we were going to play for. Play for the name on your jersey, Missouri, and play for the two seniors on our team. You look at the two seniors, and it kind of gives you some motivation to play for them."

Texas Tech Red Raiders

Texas Tech Head Coach Dan Spencer

On being tied late into the game: "We had some opportunities with base runners early but we left some guys on the bags. I thought we had good at-bats to get into scoring position but not enough good at-bats with men in scoring position. Then, we made a couple of mistakes on the bags. They did a good job. They kept the pressure on and threw strikes. We didn't do enough offensively."

On the seventh inning: "It is frustrating but that is the game. If you don't take care of the outs when they are presented to you, the game has a way of hurting you. That is what happened, we don't make a throw. Then, we get a walk and fly ball gets out of the park to right (field). That was a big blow in the seventh inning."

Designated Hitter Scott LeJeune

On stranding runners in scoring position: "We need to execute more and there were a couple more opportunities and we didn't capitalize. Because something like the home run in the seventh, that is going to happen so you have to capitalize on every opportunity that you have. That was the problem for us. They took advantage and we didn't."

On the chances of making a NCAA regional: "I think we really fought hard and I think with the right guy on the mound, with what we can do with our hitting, we can beat anybody and we have proven that. We just have to wait and see but I think we have enough talent and enough pitching. If we have on the right guy, we can beat anybody. I think we are ready."

Third Baseman Nick Popescu

On struggling in late innings: "There are different things that go on throughout the game. Like Coach Spencer said, great at-bats without runners in scoring position and then trying to do too much with runners in scoring position. It is simple things like that which lead to a three-run home run in the eighth or seventh inning. We just have to rally together and form one team and practice Monday. Just watch the selection show and go from there."

On the chances of making a NCAA regional: "I feel like we have proven ourselves with certain things that have gone on throughout the year, winning five or six series in a row. We were picked to finish dead last in the preseason. We came out and beat Texas and went 2-2 with them this year. We have beaten Kansas State and OU. The big walk-off (Scott) LeJeune hit against Oklahoma State, whether or not it is Big 12 or on the road it is tough to do, winning two of three. I feel like we have proven ourselves throughout the Big 12."