



2010 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship

Bricktown Ballpark

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Quotes

No. 6 Baylor 6, No. 7 Kansas 3

Baylor Bears

Baylor Head Coach Steve Smith

On his team's performance: "Well it wasn't as fun as I thought. Pretty quickly into it, you want to win. That whole development thing we talked about yesterday that got done to some extent. I thought the guys pitched well and we made some plays. It was good to see Jake Miller play well at third. It was good to see Chris Slater put a charge in a ball. I thought Abel did a great job at the plate.

On pitching Joey Hainsfurther: "More than I thought I could. I really thought it was unfair asking him to go three innings. Probably the biggest out in the whole deal was the unsuccessful bunt. Now you can go get Joey and have a chance to turn a double play."

On when he was focused on winning: "First inning. Right after Logan Vick hit that ball into the left center field gap. As a coach, you pretty much are done once you make your line up out. So the development philosophy is in the lineup."

Shortstop Landis Ware

On his approach at the plate during the tournament: "Not at all. I wouldn't say it's lucky. I'm not trying to. I'm going to hit them from time to time when the pitcher makes certain mistakes."

Right Fielder Chris Slater

On getting a chance to play tonight: "I'm pretty sure every guy on the roster would love to be in the lineup every day, so you definitely want to hustle on every opportunity you get."

Pitcher Jon Ringenberg: "I felt really good today. I got a lot of ground balls today, which is what I go for with my fast ball and change-up."

Kansas Jayhawks

Kansas Head Coach Ritch Price

On his team's performance: "I was pleased that (Tanner) Poppe got off to a shaky start and found a way to get through six, and it might have been the best performance (Thomas) Taylor has had out in the bullpen since we stopped playing mid-week games. It was good to see those freshmen go out on a positive high note. They have had their ups and downs like a lot of freshmen do during the course of the season. They are a big part of our future."

On when Jordan Dreiling could not get a bunt down: "I was trying to stay out of a double play. That is why I pinch hit for (Chris) Manship because he has a tendency to get out in front of the breaking ball. I was trying to get Robby (Price) up with two outs and just didn't get it done."

Third Baseman Tony Thompson

On not being able to drive in runners: "I felt like we swung the bat well and in some situations we had guys running in scoring position today. When you hit it hard right at a guy, it takes a little wind out of the sails but I think we still battled pretty hard today. We had our opportunities and just couldn't come through when we needed to."

Second Baseman Robby Price

On not being able to drive in runners: "It's baseball. You can't really control the outcome. As long as you put a good swing on it, at times it can be frustrating, definitely."

On his time Kansas: "It has been a fun four years. I have enjoyed the ride, enjoyed playing with a lot of great teammates and representing this university. It has been a great institution to go to. It has been a lot fun playing for my dad."