



2010 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship
Bricktown Ballpark
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Quotes

No. 4 Texas A&M 5, No. 6 Baylor 3 (10 Inn.)

Texas A&M Aggies

Texas A&M Head Coach Rob Childress

Opening Statement: "I don't think you ask anything more for a championship game. Both teams played as good as they could play. Both starting pitchers did an outstanding job. Willie Kempf was efficient and dominant. Ross Stripling, take away a couple of mistakes I thought he was very, very good."

On his team's performance: "Brodie, a small town kid, comes to Texas A&M and grows up. He has turned into a fine young man. He is a special player. He had the opportunity to move on professional last year but chose to come back. Sometimes when guys do that they put a lot of pressure on themselves and they don't have the senior year that they expect or hope to. Brodie has just gone and played the game. He has had an amazing year so far, and he has a few more hits left in him for Texas A&M."

Shortstop Brodie Greene

On rallying from behind: "It all started with Naquin's at-bat in the ninth inning with two strikes. An off-speed pitch down, he just threw his bat out there and got it down. That is what started it and I got the bunt down and Joe's (Patterson) 0-2 hit kept it going. Once guys get hot like that, it contagious and it's going to fire throughout the lineup."

First Baseman Joe Patterson

On rallying from behind: "We have been hitting the ball really well lately and (Willie) Kempf came out and did a really good job of keeping us off balance with his off speed stuff. I think in six innings he threw 55 pitches, so we were being really aggressive. There was never a panic in the dugout because we knew we were going to get it done. We have been through way to much this year, and all we have been through we were going to make it somehow."

Pitcher John Stilson

On his team's performance: "That is my game. I like being in the spotlight out there with the pressure on me, and if I don't get the job done it is my fault. I had a great defense out there behind me. I didn't have my best stuff at all today. I threw the pitches and they made the plays behind me. It was all defense today."

Baylor Bears

Baylor Head Coach Steve Smith

On his team's performance: "I thought this was a really, really well-played game. I thought (Ross) Stripling threw really well. I thought we ran our best guys out there. Willie (Kempf) was extremely well. My sense when I went out that he was a little fatigued, but he was still effective."

On Brodie Greene's performance: "Brodie is really swinging the bat well. The one out that we got on him was about 400 feet in the gap that (Brooks) Pinckard ran down. It's really hard to get close to a championship of any kind and not get it."

On losing on a walk-off home run: "I really think that's the kind of stuff that makes you better, and you don't know how much you want to win it until you lose. I think it will make all them fight harder the next time, not that they didn't fight hard today."

Pitcher Willie Kempf

On his team's performance: "First and foremost disappointed. We were right there, this was the same team that beat us our freshman year. We have nothing to be ashamed of; we played really well this week. We have a more important tournament coming up in five days."

On his pitching performance: "That's probably one of the best games I've thrown in my time here."

On his conversation with Coach Smith on the mound: "I said I'm good. He said be honest I said I'm a little tired. To be honest, I should not have said that."

Second Baseman Raynor Campbell

On his team's performance: "The biggest thing is that we are still going to be playing. It's not the end of our year. A lot of teams this time of the year are packing up their bags. Personally, I wanted it real bad. This is my last time here, this is Willie's last time here."

On pitcher Willie Kempf: "To me he has been the most valuable player on our team. I love it when Willie is on the mound because I know he is going to compete and battle for us."