



## **2011 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship**

### **RedHawks Field at Bricktown**

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### **Quotes**

No. 4 Oklahoma State, No. 5 Baylor

#### **Oklahoma State**

##### **Coach Frank Anderson**

**On going from facing a no-hitter by Baylor's Logan Verrett to taking the lead in the sixth inning:** "First off, Verrett is very tough and I think we went 15 innings without scoring on the guy, something like that. Zach (Johnson) finally gets a hit for us and gets things going. We were fortunate to hit some balls enough away from them that we were able to score. Hunter (Herrera) gave us some stability and allowed us to get deep in the game. Mark's (Ginther) home run was huge to separate us right there. We didn't have to use (Chris) Marlowe late. You can second guess a little bit, tight there at the end. I thought about bringing him in, but I wanted to hold off a little bit if we could with that lead and fortunately it worked out."

**On the momentum change in the sixth inning:** "It's huge. I don't know if we did much demolition. We had a flare over second and a bleeder down the right side. Zach (Johnson) was hitting pretty good. As you look though his no-hitter through five, we hit the ball pretty good and fortunately that stuff kind of evens out. It is huge to break through when we haven't scored against him all year in two starts. We were fortunate to tie the game and go ahead and Hunter (Herrera) felt like he could throw strikes, the ball was moving all over the place."

##### **Davis Duren**

**On finally getting a hit against Verrett in the sixth:** "It's been the story for us all year. Hunter (Herrera) did a good job coming in and stabilizing it for us. Mark did a good job separating right there, but Zach's (Johnson) hit really got us going. I drew a walk and Dane (Phillips) had the bleeder fall and we came up with some big hits. Against a tough guy like Verrett, you have to do stuff like that and we did a good job and came out with a win today."

**On Hunter Herrera's game:** "He kept the ball down good. He got us some zeros when we really needed it because Verret had a no hitter going through six. It's always big for an offense if your pitcher goes out there and puts up zeros because it gives us chance to get something going."

##### **Luis Uribe**

**On his important hit during the sixth inning:** "He got me out on my first at-bat and my second at-bat. He tried to go away with the fast ball and then come back with the breaking ball. My third at-bat, he came back with the same pitch. I sat down and thought about it, let my hands work, thinking middle-away. He threw the breaking ball, I stayed back and used my hands, hit it up the middle. It felt pretty good."

**On his first experience with tornadoes the previous night:** "I've never been in one before and I was on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor, so I was really nervous. I didn't know what to do and when I heard the sirens, I just went down and panicked. I calmed down when everyone was downstairs and they said there was no problem, just go back to your room. I was feeling much better."

## **Baylor**

### **Coach Steve Smith**

**On the loss:** "I didn't think we played well either defensively or on the bases. Offensively I thought we were okay. I have to give them some credit on the pitching side, particularly the guy that came in (Hunter Herrera). He threw strikes and had a lot of movement, a little different look. For us the game was lost on the defensive side and baserunning. I thought Logan (Verrett) was really sharp and even the inning that they scored he should've been out of that inning long before I had to go out and get him. We just didn't play very well behind him."

**On the last play:** "Herrera was effective in the strike zone. The last guy, who knows what would've happened. You can't get fisted on a 2-0 fastball, bases loaded, down by four. That ball is not a strike, it can't be a strike to hit it like that, so that's right up there."

### **Logan Verrett**

**On his pitching:** "Everything was working pretty well for me early on. Me and (Josh) Ludy were mixing up what we were calling pretty well, keeping them off balance. My fastball command was good and I felt like the command of every pitch was pretty good. Even in that fifth inning I felt like I obviously had a couple batters there where I was overthrowing a little bit but I felt like I made some pretty good pitches. Whether it was a bloop single that hit off our glove or whatever it is I felt like I was still making decent pitches. It's tough when you're out there and you have to make more pitches than you should."

**On having a no-hitter through six innings:** "I don't think anybody even knew. Everything was normal in the dugout and the interaction was normal. We weren't superstitious or anything like that."

### **Joey Hainsfurther**

**On facing OSU pitcher Mike Strong twice this season:** "I'm not sure that it was (Mike Strong) that wasn't the same guy. In the past few games I feel like our hitters have been clicking and taking some good at-bats. That was the case early in this game and then it felt like we went back a couple weeks in the season, back when we were giving pitchers outs and giving other teams outs and not taking good at-bats when we really needed to. We had quite a few hits but a lot of them weren't when we needed to. We had runners in scoring position and we had a lot of opportunities to score and we just weren't able to come through with good at-bats."

**On getting hits:** "I don't think it's the approach. We've had several times in the past month that we've had a whole bunch of strikeouts against no matter who is on the mound, and it just so happened to be that we faced him during that stretch. It kind of turned around during the Sunday game at Oklahoma State and then when Oklahoma came to Waco it just felt like our offense clicked. We were real positive with each other and real positive about what we had to come because we felt like we were playing our best baseball and today we took a step back so hopefully we can put that behind us and get back tomorrow to playing the baseball that we have been the last few games."