



2011 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship RedHawks Field at Bricktown May 25, 2011 Quotes

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Texas A&M

Coach Rob Childress

On the victory: "We always tell our guys it's not how you start, it's how you finish. We didn't play very well for five innings. Give Brennan Stewart credit. He did a nice job, but defensively we made a few mistakes that allowed them to get key hits. We had a couple of chances to cut into the lead. We had runners on second and third, one out in the second inning. We punch out and aren't able to cash in. We had the bases loaded, one out in the third inning, and we hit into a double play. We didn't quit. We didn't waver. We got things going offensively. Out of the 10 runs we scored, seven were with two outs. Steve Martin, Joaquin Hinojosa and Kyle Martin did a good job of stabilizing things for us on the mound. It's a good win."

On how much the momentum changed on Texas Tech third baseman Reed Redman's error in the sixth inning:

"I thought it was huge. We didn't have a whole lot going against Brennan. When he made that error, we were able to get some key hits behind it and breathe a little bit. We weren't able to breathe in the first five innings. I'm a little disappointed we didn't play the game of baseball. We didn't move runners. I thought we made some mistakes defensively that weren't counted as errors."

On pitcher John Stilson being scratched from his start: "He's a little bit sore shoulder-wise. He wasn't 100 percent. That's the reason we decided to make a move. Hopefully, he'll be ready later this week. If not, he'll definitely be ready next week at our regional. He could not pitch tomorrow as of right now."

On if he said anything to the team to spark the comeback: "I had a few things to say to them during the game. I don't know if that had a whole lot to do with it. A couple players stepped up and had something to say. To me, that was kind of the turning point. We had a player step up, make a comment in the dugout and things changed after that. You have to understand there's not really a whole lot I can say at this point in the year. When the players step forward and have something to say, players listen. I was proud of (Jacob House) for stepping up and having something to say."

On getting 18 hits as a team: "It was huge coming off the weekend we had against Texas. They limited opportunities all weekend long. It would have been easy for us to come out and continue on after the fifth inning. Stewart got the best of us two times through the lineup. To get things going later, I was proud of our guys and hopefully that will carry on the rest of the weekend and into the next week."

On if the team deserves to host an NCAA Super Regional if they win the Big 12 Championship: "I certainly do. With our RPI and our standing within the league, these games count just like all of the other conference games. If we have a good week this week, I feel that's what we're playing for, a top-eight seed."

Jacob House

On if he felt like it was his day after getting his fifth hit: "I kind of joked with Coach Childress after the inning that if it's going right, it's going right. It worked out, and it was a good win for us. I'm glad I could help out. I don't remember the last time I got five hits. I couldn't tell you."

On trying to come from behind early in the game: "You could kind of tell in the dugout before the game started we knew Stilson wasn't going out. Some guys got a little tight because we know when John goes out you only need one or two runs to get through it. We were kind of tight. Give credit to Stewart for doing a good job a couple times through the lineup. I made a comment, and a couple other guys made a comment to get some guys going. It was a little tight, and we started pressing."

Tyler Naquin

On getting 18 hits as a team: "Getting 18 hits this time of year is huge. We struggled a little bit early on and lost a couple games by one or two runs. We have a real deep pitching staff that always allows us to stay in the ballgame. If we lose, it's only by a few runs. Whenever we come out and get a lot of hits like that, it's definitely a good sign."

On if he could feel the momentum shift after the error in the sixth inning: "Definitely. Any time you make an error and a couple runs come through, the momentum is definitely in our dugout."

Texas Tech

Coach Dan Spencer

On his thoughts of the game: "We just made a lot of mistakes tonight that we haven't made in the past. We played pretty good defense, especially in the infield. We didn't take care of a couple ground balls, which cost us pitches, which cost us runs. We had a hard time making a pitch after that and getting off the field. Basically, it was self-inflicted wounds, and A&M is a good enough club that we don't need to give them extra outs."

On Reid Redman's error in the fifth inning: "Obviously, I thought it was big and it was unfortunate. It's unfortunate for it to happen to anybody, but especially a guy like Reid who made maybe two in Conference play all year long. A little surprising: the ball just stayed in his hand and he skipped the throw. They got two hits behind it, scored three."

Brennan Stewart

On how the error affected him on the mound: "He's going to make that play nine out of 10 times. We've been kind of talking about it lately, one guy has an error, one guy falters, the next guy's got to come and pick him up. It's my job to go out there and pick him up. I know somebody's going to make a play out in the outfield or in the infield, but unfortunately it didn't happen. I let some balls get away from me and they hit the ball hard. A&M is a good enough team, any of these teams we're playing are good enough that if you make any errors, it's going to cost you, and that's what happened today."

On if they could feel the momentum swing after the error occurred: "No, we had the lead, we were winning in the sixth inning and I thought we made a mistake, but we let them back into the game. That sixth inning came and it really snowballed there. You kind of know when you're playing a team like that and you give them that much, it hurts and you let one get away and we did that today."

Nick Popescu

On how much Redman's error changed the game: "It changed it, but he's also the one that got us here. Those two defensive plays he made, it kept us in the game. He's a tremendous defensive player, as well as an offensive player. We're just looking forward to bouncing back and getting started tomorrow at 12:30."

On the offense going stagnant at the end of the game: "Give a lot of credit to A&M's pitching staff. Their guys came in, did their job, as they've done all year. We've just got to regroup and get ready to go back out there tomorrow."