



2011 Phillips 66 Big 12

Baseball

**Championship
RedHawks Field at Bricktown
May 25, 2011
Quotes**

No. 3 Oklahoma, No. 6 Kansas State

Kansas State

Coach Brad Hill

On his thoughts of the game: "It was a very good ball game – well played, well pitched. (OU's Jordan) John was outstanding. He did a great job of coming in and stopping us. He was really outstanding and Kyle (Hunter), after those four runs they got, really settled in for us. He kept his composure, competed extremely hard. Throwing up those zeros after that gave us the opportunity to come back. It was a well-played ball game, it was a good game."

On Ross Kivett: "It was a great effort by him. He's got that sprained ankle, so we weren't sure if we were even going to play him. I'd classify him as being pretty tough. He competes extremely hard up there and he likes being up there in big situations and he proved that once he got into the starting lineup about six weeks ago."

Ross Kivett

On his at-bat which drove in the winning run: "(Ryan Duke) is tough. You have to respect an arm like that coming out of the bullpen. He's been great all year. I just tried not to do too much and stay within my approach that I've been doing all year and trying just to do as much as I can to get a ball through the infield. Our pitchers deserve that."

On how he felt playing with a sprained ankle: "It was a little sore. The first inning it was a little tough to step and go, but as the adrenaline was rolling in the later part of the inning, I felt pretty good."

Kyle Hunter

On his performance: "I knew our hitters have been doing a great job lately and I knew that four runs wasn't going to win a game and that our hitters were going to come through and I just tried to put up zeros and give us a chance to win."

On how significant the win is: "It's always great to get that first win. Hopefully we'll come out tomorrow and play a great game like we did today and hopefully get another win tomorrow."

Oklahoma

Sunny Galloway

On the game: "I think today was unfortunate for us. Kansas State played really well and we have to come back tomorrow and fight hard. We understand the losers' bracket is going to be a long road but we're going to have the pitching to be able to do it if we just play well."

On a having a close loss: "It's just another one-run loss. We've had a bunch of them this year. We just have to finish games. Our starting pitching hasn't been good for a couple weeks now and we haven't finished games on the pitching side and we haven't been able to score runs. That's not the ingredients to win ball games."

"We gave up some hits. A booted ground ball with bases loaded and the guys are getting on a certain way too. We don't blame our shortstop for booting the ball, it's a play that he routinely makes but he didn't in this case. He came back and made some plays for us after that."

On the season thus far: "It's been a disappointing season, I haven't shied from that. We have 40 wins and came in third (in regular season conference play) and the two teams ahead of us both get a trophy."

On preparations for today: "We tried to motivate and rally our guys. We had a fun day as far as being around each other and pregame meal and we just said this is a new season. We needed to come out with a lot more enthusiasm and fire and to be quite honest with you we didn't. It's disappointing to say the least."

On handling season expectations: "We haven't handled it well. I was really surprised because we started out 16-0, but we've almost all year. We haven't been swept by anybody and we've swept a couple but every series has been a series we could have won and tonight we're not going to say 'we coulda' and 'we shoulda'. Everybody that watched the game saw that Kansas State won the game and you've got to tip your cap to the winner."

Tyler Ogle

On the game: "Some things go differently in the game and we win. Little things, just playing like we know how to play it just didn't turn out that way today, we just have to get better."

Jordan John

On his individual play: "When I came into the game I was just able to hit my spots, paint corners and mix my offspeed well and throw them for strikes. They put the ball in play where our defense could make plays on it. My defense played well behind me and got outs for me."