



2011 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship
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Quotes

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Texas

Coach Augie Garrido

On the game: "I think the game today was energized by the players' attitude. That was the biggest difference in the whole thing. The players got together last night on their own, called their own meeting, made their own commitments to play Longhorn baseball and that is taking it inning-by-inning and pitch-by-pitch and making the best effort in whatever role you have on the team. The net result was that we played a pretty good game. How many bunts did we get down? How many mental mistakes did we make? How many defensive plays? See how they all add up? That is reflective of a change in attitude. The credit goes to the players for making that change. That to me was the big turnaround. Obviously the game was dominated by Taylor Jungmann's pitching. In addition to that, when they started hitting the ball in the last couple of innings, his teammates picked him up with some great defensive plays. Three of the six final outs were awesome defensive plays - one by Cohl Walla in center, one by Paul Montalbano in right and the play that Brandon made at short – all three came from the attitude, the attention to detail and the overall feeling of supporting every player on the team. My question to the players after the game was, 'When did you have more fun? Did you have more fun yesterday playing baseball or today playing baseball?' That's a choice that you can make. You have to make baseball fun. Baseball isn't just fun. There are too many failures in it, but you can make it fun by going all-in."

On the team maintaining its positive attitude despite falling behind early: "It shows the players that even though you have flipped the switch, the game doesn't. You have to go grind it out. The game is not going to give anything back to you just because all of a sudden you show up with the right attitude to the ballpark the next day after you get beat. They kept at it. The game tested them. They made a commitment to each other to do their best, pick each other up and be a Longhorn baseball player. They made that commitment. It lasted the whole game."

On Taylor Jungmann: "I recognize how effortless he makes it seem. That's part of his brilliance. He's a pitcher. He has been for three years. He's one of the few pitchers I've been around that gets consistently better. Most of them will have a great season as a freshman, come back as a sophomore and they won't simplify things. They're playing for the pats on the back and the crowd. He's a pitcher. He takes his own routines and follows those when he's on the field and off the field, much like a world-class athlete or somebody in the major leagues right now. He isn't in the major leagues yet, but because he's a regimented person, is a pitcher and respects that 24-7, he will develop those kinds of habits when it's time to develop those kinds of habits. He's fascinated by the role he has on the team. He likes it. It's fun for him to be a pitcher, and he wants to be the best pitcher he can be, so he continues to learn little things. Like he said, today he made an adjustment. He knows what's going on, and he likes it. The great performers in anything they're performing at are driven like that."

Taylor Jungmann

On his pitching performance: "I thought I pitched well. It was a little rough early, but we made an adjustment around the third inning. It was smooth sailing from there. Toward the end I was getting a little bit tired and the command wasn't as good."

Brandon Loy

On getting three hits in the game: "It was rough early on. I had a runner on second base with one out and struck out. In my next at-bat, I had runners on second and third with two outs. It was a time when we definitely needed somebody to come through and bust the game open a bit. I happened to hit a double down the line, which got it going for us a little bit. It was what we needed, especially after yesterday. It's a lot more fun when you're winning. When you come out and compete like we did today, it gives us a lot of confidence."

On the players-only meeting: "Paul Montalbano (called the meeting). He talked for about a minute and turned it over to the captains. It was a good meeting. We talked about some of the things that were going on. We knew what we needed to do today, and I thought we came out and did that. We definitely got us some confidence. It's exciting for us to get a win going into tomorrow."

Baylor

Coach Steve Smith

On the game: "I thought Josh (Turley) threw extremely well. He made a lot of big pitches early in the ballgame. I thought we competed at the plate well. We didn't punch out a lot. Taylor Jungmann is really, really good. I always enjoy watching him pitch. It's more enjoyable when it's against somebody else but he's very good."

On dealing with the loss: "Anytime you lose there is a sense of frustration. The reality of it is when two good teams play, one good team always loses, so there's frustration. This team obviously has dealt with that really well because we've had a lot of practice at doing it. That's the thing about baseball that's so different than the other sports. This sport is about how you deal with losing, how you deal with failure. Whoever wins the Championship might have lost 20 games. You're not going to do that in football or basketball. They have to deal with success and this sport is how you deal with failure. We've had a lot of work at it and we'll keep getting better."

On where to go from here: "Based on history and how things play out, the one variable that nobody can really account for right now is what happens across the nation in all the other tournaments including this one. The two most important factors that I've observed through the years are Cconference finish and RPI, and we're in good shape on both of those I think."

Max Muncy

On Taylor Jungmann: "I think one of the main things is he's so slow in his delivery and smooth that when he throws the ball you think he's only throwing it about 84 but it gets on you around mid-90s, somewhere in there. On that last ball he got in a little bit on me and I was in a two-strike approach so I wasn't able to get everything into it. I thought I still had a chance on it but it didn't go as far as I thought."

Josh Turley

On the game: "Today I felt fine for the most part. I felt like the first three innings I was getting into a rhythm and my defense was making plays behind me. When they started bunting the ball they laid down a couple perfect sac bunts. We usually make those plays and we're looking forward to whatever is next for us, whatever that might be. It's definitely a tough one to grasp but it is what it is. We didn't give up and hopefully whatever's next we'll play our best baseball."