

2011 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship RedHawks Field at Bricktown May 26, 2011 Quotes

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Oklahoma State

Coach Frank Anderson

On the game: "Basically the game had a bunch of different turns to it. Rob Zastryzny stuck it to us for six or seven innings. We didn't handle the game very well early, we had some things go sideways, we get picked off, we drop pop flies and their kid basically took it to us. Once we got it broke open a little bit, things snowballed, that's just how this game works. I was proud of how our kids fought back. At the juncture that I put Chris (Marlowe) in, it didn't look like we were going to score very many. I wanted to put him in to strike two guys out and it didn't work out. I was proud of how we battled back and put ourselves in a situation to win the game."

On Missouri starting pitcher Rob Zastryzny: "I think he was a good competitor. He just got after us and he did in Stillwater, too. We didn't do much with him and won the game late in Stillwater."

On Missouri playing with a sense of desperation: "I thought they played with a sense of urgency that everyone should play with. When we started to close the game they are like everybody; things start to roll down hill a little bit and panic sets in unless you have a guy that can finish and knock them out. I think they're up there battling and competing through every at-bat."

Devin Shines

On Missouri starting pitcher Rob Zastryzny: "He worked well in and out. He had a good changeup I saw a couple times. He was spotting up with his breaking ball. He was just working in and out on us and kept us off-balance."

On Missouri playing with a sense of desperation: "I feel that everybody is playing as hard as they can when they step out onto the field, but when you're backed into a corner like they are and you have to win it to get in (the NCAA tournament) sometimes you dig a little deeper."

Mark Ginther

On battling back late in the game: "We've done that a lot this year. I don't know what it is, we just compete more I guess. We take the same bats up there, I just think we really bear down and compete really hard at the end of the game. I think we expect to do that at the end of the game, always score."

Missouri

Coach Tim Jamieson

On his thoughts of the game: "I'm really proud of these guys, not just this weekend, but the last five or six weeks. We're looking forward to playing on Saturday. We got a great effort from a lot of different people. We only swung the bats well in a couple different innings, but we're fortunate that was enough."

On if he thinks the players understand how important the tournament games are: "They know that. These guys read the blogs and read the websites much more than I do. They know we have to finish above .500 or win the tournament. We can't finish above .500, so it's pretty simple math."

Rob Zastryzny

On his pitching: "My arm felt good, everything felt good. The mound was really nice for me; it wasn't wet. Ben (Turner) gave me a good target, coach Hobbs threw some good pitches for me and I just executed them."

On if Oklahoma State was being aggressive at the plate: "I remember last time I pitched against them, they were really aggressive to fastballs, so I wanted to be able to throw off-speed for first pitch and mix everything in, and I think I was able to do that pretty well."

Eric Garcia

On getting the walk-off win: "It felt great. We've had some great ninth-inning wins and extra-inning wins, and today is probably one of the biggest ones we've had all year just because we need to win this tournament. I feel like we're getting our confidence right now."

On what turned Missouri's season around: "We just all game together, we started backing each other up, we started having confidence in each other and it kind of pushed the next guy to do what he needed to do. It just kind of worked from there."