



2011 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship

RedHawks Field at Bricktown

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Quotes

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Kansas State

Coach Brad Hill

On the game: "It was pretty simple. Michael Wacha pretty much dominated tonight. We never could string together at-bats. We would get a couple of doubles and need a two-out hit to score them and never got it done. He made pitches when he had to make pitches. He would drop his breaking ball in for a strike. We didn't even swing at it, and he continued to drop it in for a strike. Once he was ahead 0-1, he would start going in and out on us. He was outstanding and dominated us today."

On Texas A&M scoring two runs in the second after Kansas State scored in the first inning: "That's baseball. If your team scores, you want your pitcher to go out there focused and throw up a zero to keep momentum on your side. Obviously on the other side of it, you're trying to score and get momentum back. A double down the line followed by two straight hits created good offense. They did a really good job of stringing at-bats together during that inning, something we couldn't do. That was tough. They did a good job of that yesterday against Texas Tech, too."

On Justin Lindsey's relief pitching performance: "He gave us a chance. He held it to 3-1 and forced them to throw up a lot of zeroes. Unfortunately, they did throw up a lot of zeroes, but you couldn't let them extend the score there knowing their pitching staff. Justin was outstanding tonight, great command. He made big pitches when he had to. He really matched Wacha for that period of time."

On trying to beat Oklahoma Friday for the fourth time in five games: "It won't be very easy at all. The winner gets to survive. For us, it may be for next week (NCAA Regionals). It's going to be really important for us tomorrow to do everything we can to stay here, get one more win and keep hopes alive not only for this tournament but for next week."

Justin Lindsey

On his pitching performance: "It's our fourth time playing them. Our pitching coach, (Josh) Reynolds, does all the pitch-calling so my job's pretty simple. I just throw what he calls. Our defense played great today and made some great plays. Dan Klein behind the plate threw out a couple guys that were real big throw-outs."

Jason King

On facing Michael Wacha: "He was everything that we thought he would be. He's throwing multiple pitches that will take him to the big leagues someday. Like Coach Hill said, anytime somebody can flip that first-pitch breaking ball in there – it's a good one, too, it's not like he's hanging it – it makes it really tough."

Texas A&M

Rob Childress

On the game: "I thought we played really well tonight in all phases. It all started for us on the mound. I thought Michael Wacha was as good as I've seen him in a long time. We played great defense and got some key hits early, were able to build a lead and score a big run in the ninth inning with two outs. Nick Fleece came in and did a wonderful job for us but I thought Michael Wacha was the story tonight. He pitched great."

On Kansas State: "Give Kansas State's bullpen credit. Justin Lindsey came in and did an outstanding job for them. We had a lot of guys in scoring position and weren't able to get a key hit to break the game open and they kept it close. Kansas State has an offense that it only takes a spark for them and they can cook really quick and score three or four runs against you in a hurry and I think that's just a tribute to Michael (Wacha)'s performance tonight."

On being one of two unbeaten teams left in the tournament: "It's a great situation to be in. That's what we came up here to do and that's where we are. We still haven't done anything yet. We have to go finish. We have a big game on Saturday."

On having a day off: "I love the day off. That's something that's earned and for them to come out tomorrow and have an hour and a half to hit in the cages and relax and enjoy watching college baseball I think that's good, and then we'll get back to work on Saturday."

Michael Wacha

On his performance: "After the third inning I got more comfortable throwing the curveball for first-pitch strikes just as a get-me-over and then I really started to establish a fastball inside later on and it just kept them off-balance."

Kenny Jackson

On Michael Wacha's performance: "It's fun when he's on the mound. It's pretty easy playing defense behind him. Any time we can get those routine ground balls we have to make the plays behind him because he's going to keep on getting stronger as he goes."