



2018 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship

Game 5 Notes Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 24, 2018

No. 4 Oklahoma 3, No. 1 Texas 1

Big 12 Championship Notes

- Texas is now 40-32 all-time in the Big 12 Championship.
- Oklahoma is now 37-36 all-time in the Big 12 Championship.
- Texas still leads Oklahoma 5-2 in the all-time series of Big 12 Championship play.
- No. 1 seeds are currently 48-37 all-time in the Big 12 Championship.
- No. 4 seeds are currently 41-33 all-time in the Big 12 Championship.
- This is the first time since 2015 that a No. 1 seed lost its first two games at the Big 12 Championship.
- This is the first time in Big 12 Championship history that all lower seeds have won the first five games of the tournament.

Oklahoma (35-22, 1-1 Big 12 Championship)

- This is Oklahoma's first win over Texas at the Big 12 Championship since 2001.
- Oklahoma is now 26-8 in games in which they score first this season.
- Junior outfielder Blake Brewster drilled his second home run of the season—a solo shot that also was his eighth RBI of the season.
- Sophomore shortstop Brandon Zaragoza and junior outfielder Domenic DeRenzo hit back-to-back doubles in the 5th to extend the Sooners' lead to 3-0.
- For the ninth time this season, freshman left-hander Levi Prater pitched on back-to-back days. Prater also improved his record to 3-3 on the year.
- Junior reliever Austin Hansen recorded his seventh save in the ballgame, which puts him in a tie for the team lead in saves.
- Freshman Cade Cavalli started the game at first base and came in to pitch in the 6th inning, making his 10th appearance of the season. He is the second player to appear both on the mound and in the field so far in the 2018 Big 12 Championship.
- The Sooners used four relievers who combined to allow just one hit in five innings of work and strike out six batters (Prater, Cavalli, Fink, Hansen).

Texas (37-20, 0-2 Big 12 Championship)

- This is the first time since 2012 that Texas lost its first two games at the Big 12 Championship.
- After being named 2018 Big 12 Player of the Year, senior second baseman Kody Clemens recorded his 20th multi-hit game of the season, going 2-for-4.
- Senior utility man Jake McKenzie also picked up a multi-hit game with a 2-for-2 performance.
- Junior right-handers Nolan Kingham and Chase Shugart appeared in the same game for the second time this season, both coming against Oklahoma. Kingham's record fell to 7-3, in the loss.
- In 9.1 innings of work, Texas relievers have allowed just one earned run between six different pitchers in this year's Big 12 Championship.

STAT OF THE GAME:

18-1 - Oklahoma improves to 18-1 on the year when allowing 2 or fewer runs.

WHATS NEXT:

No. 4 Oklahoma stays alive and will take on the loser of No. 5 Baylor and No. 8 Kansas at 3:15 p.m. on Friday. No. 1 Texas is eliminated.

Attendance: 3,803



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OKLAHOMA POSTGAME QUOTES – Game 5 Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 24, 2018

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Oklahoma Head Coach Skip Johnson

Opening statement...

“I thought they played a really good game, really unselfish. Starting the game off, [Nathan] Wiles set the tone by pounding the strike zone like he always does. We took the momentum in the first inning by scoring a run, which is always good. A couple of these guys that came off the bench- we talk about that all the time- you never know when you’re going to get the biggest hit, you never know when you’re going to make the biggest pitch in a game, so really proud of those guys to keep fighting and have the right attitude. It showed today.”

On building momentum by scoring in the first inning...

“It’s kind of funny, we talk about having nine guys named Joe. They kept yelling “Hey Joe!” like everybody’s name is Joe. Everybody got the credit. They played with their hearts and that’s a big difference.”

On having quality outings from the bullpen...

“It takes courage to attack the strike zone and those guys that have courage and that attack the game, attack the mitt, they’re successful. But there’s some failure in there as well. We always highlight the failure and we never really highlight the successes. We start expecting something of a student-athlete and you can’t expect anything. As long as they’re giving their best effort, that’s all we can expect.”

Domenic DeRenzo, Jr., C/OF

On coming in off the bench today...

“Skip always says you never know when you’re name is going to be called. You never know who’s going to get the biggest hit or make the biggest pitch so when [Kyler Murray] went down, I was just like, go out there and play hard. Our coaching staff has really prepared us, even though Kyler should have been there, but they prepare us on and off the field to make sure that we’re ready for those situations.”

On the depth of the Big 12 Conference and if it’s surprising the lower seeds have won...

“No, baseball is baseball. You never know who’s going to win or lose. Doesn’t matter if you’re the best team in the country or worst team in the country. I think that stuff happens throughout a game, it’s all about moments and making your outs on time and execution. It’s not really a matter of who’s better, it’s who plays harder.”

Blake Brewster, Jr., OF

On the depth of the Big 12 Conference...

“I think it’s a testament to the fact that people play with their backs against the wall. We came out here today and did exactly that. We didn’t have anything to lose so we played with our hearts out. I think when your back is against the wall you have no other choice but to do that.”



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Texas Assistant Coach Sean Allen

Opening statement...

“First of all, congratulations to Oklahoma. It was a hard-fought game. That’s postseason baseball, we just didn’t have enough quality at bats to get it done offensively, but we can build off of Kingham’s outing and what the bullpen did to keep it there at three. We just have to do a better job with the little things offensively that are going to allow us to produce runs. You’re not going to be able to go out there and bang hits all over the park, bang pitches all over the park this time a year and we have got to understand that, simplify things, and get back to who we are.”

On the events of the 6th inning and the ejection...

“It was obviously balls and strikes, you all could see that. A little frustrated with the zone moving around, that’s all it was. He was frustrated and was fighting for ours guys and that’s it. He was fighting for our guys to compete and that’s just what he does.”

Josh Sawyer, Rs-Jr., LHP

On hosting a regional...

“I think our resume is definitely strong enough to host a regional with winning the Big 12, which is one of the best conferences out there. I think our resume and how we have played over the last 30-35 games has done enough for us for a hosting position.”

On taking away positives from their short stay in the tournament...

“This is what postseason baseball is and I think this is a good step forward for a lot of our freshman and junior college guys who have not had the experience yet. It kind of shows you that they are going to match up with you, they’re going to throw their aces at you, and they are going to play unbelievable defense. We are all fighting for our lives and that is the mentality that we have to have going forward and I think we will.”

Jake McKenzie, Sr., RHP/INF

On the offensive performance over the past two games...

“I think we faced a few good pitchers, it was pretty obvious. Everyone is throwing their best guys, especially Oklahoma, who don’t even know if they are in a regional, so they are going to throw everything they’ve got at us as long as they can. They brought one pitcher in for Kody (Clemens) for one at bat. They are bringing in everyone they’ve got, trying to win games. We faced good pitching, but we have got to have better quality at bats and better situational hitting.