2019 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship



TEXAS TECH POSTGAME QUOTES - Game 7 Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 23, 2019

No. 4 West Virginia 5, No. 1 Texas Tech 1

Texas Tech Head Coach Tim Tadlock

Opening statement...

"I thought Alek Manoah was really good for eight innings. He kept us off balance, mixed when he needed too, and commanded the fastball. I thought Caleb was equally as good and threw the ball well. Brandon (White) made a couple of really good plays in the outfield and took a couple of runs off the board, which is what a good center fielder is supposed to do. Congratulations to West Virginia. They earned the right to win and hopefully we'll get to see them again."

On Caleb Kilian's performance...

"I thought he was outstanding. He commanded the fastball, breaking ball and the change up. He matched Manoah pitch-for-pitch. He gave us an opportunity to win the game, and he put us in the position to win the game."

On missed opportunities...

"I thought we had opportunities. We talked about the two plays that White made, and he also threw a guy out at third early. You don't want to complain about having base runners. With a guy like Manoah, you're not going to get a hit every time. It's about executing, getting guys over and getting them in. We didn't do a whole lot of that, but at the same time, we had some base runners, so that's a positive."

On their approach for the rest of the championship...

"Our approach is to come out and play at the highest level each day, no matter what day of the year it is and no matter where we are. Whether it's a real game, or intersquad, we want to respect the game and play the game the right way. It gives us an opportunity to play an extra game or two, which could be good moving forward. We might get some guys innings. You have to earn the right to win tomorrow."

Josh Jung, Jr., INF

On Manoah's pitching...

"He got out there and threw strikes when he needed to. He got ahead of us and got ahead in the counts. He was really effective with all his pitches tonight. I think last time, his change-up wasn't as effective as it was tonight. He had all his pitches working for him."

Caleb Kilian, Jr., RHP

On facing off against Manoah...

"I prefer that kind of competition. He's someone to compete with and I just want to do better than he does. But, unfortunately, he got it today."

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WEST VIRGINIA POSTGAME QUOTES - Game 8 Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 23, 2019

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West Virginia Head Coach Randy Mazey

Opening statement...

"It's been a long day. Starting with the first game being played so long, it's a change in routines. We always say, if there's any kind of adversity (weather, delays, anything), advantage Mountaineers because if you play baseball at West Virginia you got to get used to stuff like that. The more we sit around the more I think that works to our advantage. We knew going into it that it was going to be a game like that. The over/under was going to be really low. It held true to form. Both of those guys were really good. Kilian has been really good his whole career here. He's really hard to hit and when we scored in whatever inning it was, I heard Darius Hill yell out 'it's taken us three years and we finally scored off this guy.' He's that good, but our guys are grinders. It's just the makeup and the chemistry of our team. And you guys are seeing the kind of kids we have. The catches Brandon White makes out in center field are ridiculous. He's been doing it for three years. He's a human highlight film. Besides from that, he can change the game. He took a run off the board with the one over his head and the one in front of him. If he does not make that catch, that's Gabe Holt you are putting on the bases and that guy changes the game on the bases. I couldn't be prouder of not just these two guys, but of everybody."

On if instant replay is working to his satisfaction...

"I love replay. I love it as a fan when I come to the other games. When there is a call and those guys go underneath to look at the monitor, I think it is kind of exciting waiting for the call. There's been games changed because of replay. The object is to get all the calls right, and whatever that takes, I'm in favor of it."

Brandon White, Jr., OF

On his spectacular plays in center field tonight...

"I got good jumps on them and just hoped for the best. I try my best out there and any opportunity I get I try to run with it."

Alek Manoah, JR., RHP

On pacing throughout his starts...

"There's no pace. I just go out and I just try to win at-bats. In the later innings, I let my competitiveness take over. I don't really think trying to start a game pacing off, because any team in this league can beat you in the first inning, and then I'm playing catch-up. I just go out and attack every hitter and let my competitiveness take over and let my work throughout the week show-off. I work really hard in between starts and I think I'm in good shape. To be able to through late in innings this late in the year is because of that."

On how his previous game against Texas Tech helped him tonight...

"I thought probably one of my best outings, but I honestly thought tonight was better. To be able to put-

up double-digit strikeouts against a team like that twice it is hard to do. I knew they were coming out aggressive. They are great hitters and obviously won the conference outright. I'm just extremely blessed to throw the ball well against them twice."