



2019 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship

OKLAHOMA STATE POSTGAME QUOTES – Game 8 Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 23, 2019

No. 3 Oklahoma State 5, No. 2 Baylor 0

Oklahoma State Head Coach Josh Holliday

Opening statement...

"They had a big league pitching game tonight. Jensen (Elliott) did an amazing job commanding the ball and he was very, very sharp. Then, Peyton (Battenfield) came right behind him and was excellent as well. We did that with a few mistakes. Behind them, we weren't as sharp on defense today as we have been and yet we pitched around some of those mistakes. Execution was very high level as it has to be against a team as good as Baylor. On offense, a couple of guys were super clutch tonight. Colin (Simpson) hit a ball as pure as you can hit it to straight-away center field, Andrew (Navigato) was clutch, Trevor (Boone) had a big base hit, and Carson (McCusker) followed to get that fifth run. Today was a championship-level game on the mound, there's no way around it."

On having a day off in the tournament...

"They are serious when they tell you they play for the day off. They'll come over and watch a game, they'll go to a movie, they'll go eat, they'll sleep, they'll look at their phones all day...They'll have fun and they earned that and I want that for them. That's part of what makes them tick and I'm cool with that. We'll relax a little bit, we'll do something with our bodies to make sure everybody wakes up and any kind of fatigue or soreness, we'll get that out of their bodies. They really enjoy coming to the games and watching the other student-athletes. They know a lot of the guys who play for the other teams. That's why this tournament is so cool. That's why staying in hotels that allow them to walk here to the games and to see their families is such a cool setting for this tournament."

Colin Simpson, Sr., C/OF

On hitting his 14th homerun of the season...

"I started off the year pretty rough – I couldn't feel my swing and I couldn't find it. It took a lot of adjustments, a lot of improvements and a lot of work on my swing. Finally, about a week into Big 12 play, I started to feel my swing and started to find the right adjustments to make to my swing. Once I finally found those, I started getting into a groove. I would say it's more like a confidence builder that all the adjustments I made and all the things I've been working on are finally starting to show up in the game."

Jensen Elliott, Jr., RHP

On facing Baylor...

"I had a good approach going into the game because I got to see them last weekend. I knew that if I executed my game plan, I'd be successful. Tonight, I happened to do that and my defense worked well behind me. I recognized some of their swings from last weekend and it was good to see that."



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BAYLOR POSTGAME QUOTES - Game 9
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Baylor Head Coach Steve Rodriguez

Opening statement...

"I thought Jensen (Elliot) threw a great game. Their offense executed early on in the game, and we didn't. I told our guys that in games like this you are going to have to take advantage of opportunities when you get them in regard to the offensive execution. They were able to do it and we didn't."

On his team's resilient attitude and what he expects tomorrow...

"They're going to go to sleep. They're going to wake up. We're going to eat breakfast. And we are going to start the game over again. That's what is great about baseball, regardless of the outcomes tomorrow. I like some of the swings our guys took tonight. We got to find a way to make it work."

Jimmy Winston, So., RHP

On facing a team like Oklahoma State...

"You've got to pound the zone. You can't pitch around. You have to focus your pitches and trust what you have. And that didn't happen."

Richard Cunningham, Jr., OF

On being a resilient team all year and what that looks like coming out tomorrow...

"We get to play baseball tomorrow. We get to play TCU. One of our near-town rivals and a fun foe to play against and we're here in Bricktown playing ball. New opportunity, new day tomorrow. We will go one game at a time and we're looking forward to it."