



2019 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship

TEXAS TECH POSTGAME QUOTES – Game 9 Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 24, 2019

No. 1 Texas Tech 7, No. 5 Kansas 5

Texas Tech Head Coach Tim Tadlock

Opening statement...

“Congratulations to Coach Price, his staff and his team. They really competed throughout the year, and it’s always fun to compete against those guys. I thought Ryan Cyr was the ultimate competitor today, and he really kept throwing the ball in there to give them a chance. I was really proud of the way Bonnin competed. He had some adversity. They kind of hit him in the mouth in the first two innings but he settled in there and gave us a chance so we didn’t have to go to the bullpen early. Our guys put together good at-bats throughout the game. I’m really proud of them and the way the lineup competed.”

On Bryce Bonnin’s performance...

“As a starter, you want a guy to go out there and at least give you what was asked of him. He’s a competitor and wasn’t making bad pitches. The guys picked him up on a few plays, and he picked them up on a few plays. He definitely picked the bullpen up being able to stay out there as long as he did. That’s a sign of a guy that will compete.”

On Kurt Wilson...

“He’s a baseball player. The biggest thing is, he’s an above average defender wherever you put him on the field. He’s been up to 97 on the mound, so you’re talking about a plus arm. Some guys aren’t getting an extra base on him very often. He’s a guy that is showing what he showed last year in the first three weeks when we thought he was our best hitter. Any time you have a guy that’s played shortstop in high school and is that versatile, he’s just a competitor and it’s fun to watch him. He’s brought a lot to the table.”

Kurt Wilson, So., RHP/OF

On the team getting good swings on the ball...

“He (Ryan Cyr) threw really well against us. As a team, we all felt like we were getting good swings on him, and finally, one of them connected and they kept rolling from there.

Gabe Holt, So., INF/OF

On his home run...

“I just went up there and tried to put a good swing on it... y’all saw the wind today blowing out to left, so I hit it hard and luckily the wind took it. I thought it was going to be off the wall, but luckily it got over and we got the lead, then we got the win from there.”

On continuing to play in the Big 12 Tournament...

“It’s awesome to continue to play. We have post season coming up, so it’s good to get more work in and to play as long as we can in this tournament. Then, next weekend, we start post season and go from there.”



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Kansas Head Coach Ritch Price

Opening statement...

“Well first off my congratulations to Texas Tech on a great year, including winning the regular-season conference title. Three out of the last four years is an amazing feat. They’re as good as their ranking. They’re as good as anyone in the country. They’re physical and also have really good team speed. Obviously, they have big time arms in the starting roles and in the bullpen.”

On how proud he is of his team...

“When you’ve endured the injuries we’ve had to endure...I couldn’t be prouder. We played our first 40 games on the road or at neutral sites, which is the most out of any Power 5 school in the country. As we got an opportunity to get outside and practice in a normal routine, we got better as the season went on and I think that’s what every coach wants to see out of a young team.”

On the next step for his program...

“It’s a continued development for our young guys this summer. That’s the great thing about college baseball. You can be a freshman on the roster and hardly play, get 200 at-bats this season and come back a different guy than you were at the end of this season. Our players understand the development process. Some of the young guys had tremendous success in high school, but it is a huge jump to high school to pitching in this great conference. This is a huge development process for those young guys.”

Jaxx Groshans, Jr., C/1B

On how he’ll reflect on the 2019 season...

“It didn’t end the way we wanted to. Everyone we brought into the clubhouse at the beginning of the year, transfers, freshman, every single one of those guys stepped up in their role. Aside from the numbers, as a team I am going to see all the faces in the clubhouse and all the relationships we’ve developed over this past year and how well the team chemistry was.”