



2019 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship

TEXAS TECH POSTGAME QUOTES - Game 11 Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 25, 2019

No. 1 Texas Tech 10, No. 4 West Virginia 3

Texas Tech Head Coach Tim Tadlock

Opening statement...

"I thought Kade (Strowd) was really good early. He's a competitor and he threw some good pitches in there. It seemed like the second time through the order, guys saw him a little better. Ryan (Sublette) came up really big for our team. He put us in position to not use everybody a whole lot. He's a young man who started a bunch of games as a freshman on Sundays and Tuesdays, and that experience came through today. We've said all along, if we had a chance to play every day, we can compete with anybody. We have a lot of pitching, and those guys like pitching and those guys like playing."

On the thought process of bringing in Ryan Sublette...

"We intersquaded last week on Sunday, and he threw the ball really well. I think he went four against our guys. Mason (Montgomery) threw the ball really well, too. Coach Matt (Gardner) really believed that Sublette was the right guy. So, a combination of all those things led to Sub, and I'm really proud of the way he competed today. The longer he was out there today, the better he was. The balls started sinking and dancing a little bit, and he gave them some trouble."

On the bullpen's performance...

"Without those guys giving you a chance, it's a different deal. I'm proud of those guys and I'm proud of the guys who played behind them. Tournament baseball is not the easiest thing. It's show-and-go today, and it was a little later than we all planned on which was nice. These guys are amazing me with how well they are playing based off of that."

On the time between games...

"We told them it was uncharted waters because most of the time in double headers you turn around and play in 35 to 45 minutes. I experienced this one time at another school and ran into Drew Smyly, so sometimes it doesn't matter what you do in-between. We're going to go back and let them shower and refresh a little bit. We had another time where we went to Golden Corral and sat in there until 35 minutes before the first pitch, and rolled out and put it on them. A lot of it has to do with what you do when the game starts. There's not a lot of preparation at this point other than getting your body going again, and that's really the main concern."

On Josh Jung's one-handed play at shortstop...

"He's going to be a lot of fun to watch as he goes on in his future. He made the play look easy. It kind of reminds you of going to a big league game when guys make those plays look easy, and they're not. Everybody thinks he's going to make it every time and it wasn't an easy play, but he makes it look easy."



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WEST VIRGINIA POSTGAME QUOTES – Game 11 Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 25, 2019

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West Virginia Head Coach Randy Mazey

Opening statement...

“This was a grind for both teams, the things these guys go through in a tournament setting. This is where we need the kids that don’t get to pitch much during the season. We have one maybe two games left, so this is where we are going to need those guys. I thought we had a chance those first two innings to break that game open a little bit, having a chance to go up 4 or 5 to 0. We just didn’t throw strikes. We put the lead off guy on 7 of the 8 innings, six walks and a hit batter. What a disadvantage against a team like this. Someone on first and nobody out in every single inning.

On how to help the guys getting mentally ready for a game just in a few hours....

“Piece of cake. We talk about this all the time. When you play a double-header the losing team is at an advantage. The last five minutes, the momentum has come back to us because five minutes ago we were losing and now the game is tied. Eighty percent of double-headers get split because the losing team has a big advantage for game two. I told them at the end of this is one, ‘Congratulations. We just tied the score. It’s going to be 0-0 when we come back out here.’ So, we are going to feel really good about our chances when we get back out.”

On where y’all are sitting for postseason...

“If we get to the championship we have a chance to host a regional, which would change the face of Mountaineer baseball. We have a lot left to play for. We have beaten these guys three times and they have beaten us twice this season. They are a top caliber team, but we feel we are as good as anyone out there and are just as deserving of a host spot. This has been a typical West Virginia season. We play the first 20-25 games on the road, grind it out, survive it and try and start the conference season with a top RPI in the top 25. We got through the fatigue of traveling. This puts us in a spot to host a regional and I think we are disserving. One of the top 16 teams in the country.”