



## *2019 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship*

### **OKLAHOMA STATE POSTGAME QUOTES - Game 15 Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 26, 2019**

#### **No. 3 Oklahoma State 5, No. 4. West Virginia 2**

#### **Oklahoma State Head Coach Josh Holliday**

##### ***Opening statement...***

"I'm incredibly proud of these kids. It was a long, grueling tournament. Not in a bad way, just in the way that it required us to be on point for a good number of hours each day and play some high-quality teams. There are many kids that stepped up over the week and allowed this to happen. The three kids to my left were obviously fantastic in the championship game. Them, along with their teammates, stepped forward and played their best when it mattered most. I'm proud of the effort that they displayed all week long. This is a special group of kids and I've enjoyed them immensely and they've enjoyed each other. Great job today by not just the kids. Coach Walton's plan to navigate two challenging games today was on-point and the kids went out and delivered. I'm very proud of the ballclub and very happy for our program and our school."

##### ***On how he feels about his team headed to a possible National Seed...***

"I don't really feel anything about it. I'm really proud of what this group of kids did. I'm proud of the fact that they woke up this morning and had a chance to make a memory, and they did it. I think that speaks strongly when you go out and play that kind of baseball. The folks that sit in that room that decide the NCAA field are smart and are well-schooled in what is happening across the country and they have all the information in front of them. If our resume kicks out as one of the top eight, then they'll award it to us. I think we've played pretty good. We're proud of what we've accomplished, but they'll make a good decision. The folks in that committee take it very seriously in there. I certainly think our kids have proved we're one of those big teams and hopefully we get recognized for that. If that's the reward for how we've played, then we'll be very honored to have it."

#### **Andrew Navigato, Jr., INF**

##### ***On being apart of a championship winning team...***

"It's amazing. Coming in I knew we were pretty special as a team. Going in from day one, having the team chemistry we have, it's just been an amazing job by us for the hard-work we put in. It's a great feeling to get this championship."

#### **Colin Simpson, Sr., C/OF**

##### ***On how good it feels to be an Oklahoma State player this weekend with softball headed to WCS and golf dominating...***

"It makes you proud. We just came out here and won this tournament. Softball is headed to the College World Series and golf is dominating. It makes you proud to be a Cowboy. It's one of the best feelings. You look on ESPN and see us getting talked about then softball then golf, people underestimate the Big 12 Conference and I don't see why. If you look at all the teams in the Big 12, not just us (baseball) but the entire Big 12, it is full of stacked teams. I think we get underestimated. For softball to make it and for us to be playing the way we are and for golf to be the way they are, I don't think you can underestimate

the Big 12 anymore. You have to recognize them as one of the power conferences.”

**Brett Standlee, RS-FR., RHP**

*On his defense behind him...*

“It’s unreal. You’re sitting there and watching the ball through the sky and they come out and get it. It’s a great feeling. Those guys are unbelievable players and to have them on your side, you couldn’t ask for more.”



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### **WEST VIRGINIA POSTGAME QUOTES - Game 15 Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 26, 2019**

#### **No. 3 Oklahoma State 5, No. 4 West Virginia 2**

#### **West Virginia Head Coach Randy Mazey**

##### *Opening statement...*

"Congrats to the Cowboys. They are very well deserving, and they have a great team. When you get late in the tournament like this, and you have some attrition in the bullpen, you need to find heroes. Those guys that go out there and pitch multiple days, that's not easy to do. They changed that game with their defense. Their shortstop and their right fielder, between the two of them, saved a lot of runs tonight. We had our opportunities. We had some guys on base, and hit into a couple of double plays. We hit the ball hard and it just went right to them. If those hits go between them, it's a whole different game. If we didn't have another weekend to play, if we weren't fighting to host a regional, we could leave Snyder in there for the whole game. We took him out just when he usually starts to get good. He did a great job as all of our guys did. I think that's the fourth straight year we've made the semi-finals in this tournament. I'm super proud of our guys and I love Oklahoma City. I can't wait to be back."

##### *On Nick Snyder's performance...*

"I was pleased to get as many innings out of him as we did. We wanted to keep him at 50 pitches or less, that would have been a good workload for him going into next weekend. It couldn't have gone better for him because he wasn't that sharp his first time out in this tournament. We went to work with some mechanical stuff after his start. It was nice to see him clean that up, and be the Snyder that we've seen the whole year. I'm super confident in his next time up, whenever that may be."

##### *On the possibility of hosting a regional...*

"I don't know what time they announce the host sites, but that would be a happy time in Morgantown. We've been in this league for seven years now, in the Big 12, and for us to be talking about what we're talking about and be on the same caliber of as the teams like Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and TCU, with as much success as we've had in this league, no one in the world would have seen this coming seven years ago. It started with the administration, and their vision for this program. You surround yourself with the people who want to work hard and make the program better. You can't be prouder of where the Mountaineers are in the Big 12 right now. One of these years, we'll win this thing. We'll catch a break one of these times. The more experience you get playing in championship games, the better you get at them. I'm really looking forward to next weekend. We've earned it. We deserve it and that would be a treat for Mountaineer fans everywhere."

#### **Tyler Doanes, Soph., INF**

##### *On how playing Texas Tech and Oklahoma State helps the team before postseason play...*

"I think it was absolutely a grind for all of us, including Texas Tech and Oklahoma State. But, it really gets you ready for this upcoming week with the regional, and hopefully we do get to play at home."

#### **Nick Snyder, Jr., LHP**

##### *On coming in to pitch after a few days...*

"It was a lot of fun, and it was a nice challenge coming back with a few days of rest. I felt good out there."

Besides the leadoff hitter in the first inning, I felt like I got stronger as the game went on. It doesn't happen without the guys behind me. Having their support every pitch and every batter is huge, so I couldn't do it without the guys behind me."

*On the possibility of hosting a regional...*

"Obviously, we wanted to win the championship, but we just came short of that goal. Hosting a regional, hopefully, is a great advantage for the Mountaineers playing back in Morgantown. At the end of the day, we're not going to hang our heads. We're going to get back, we're going to practice hard and we're going to get ready for the weekend coming up."