



2017 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship

TEXAS POSTGAME QUOTES - Game 8 Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 25, 2017

No. 6 Texas 5, No. 7 Kansas 4

Texas Head Coach David Pierce

Opening statement...

"It was just a great team win. We did a great job offensively early to build the lead. Then we had great pitching by Nolan (Kingham) all night. We should have handled the ball in left field, and if we do that we carry a shutout into the ninth. It was just a tremendous job from more than just the starters with guys like Jake (McKenzie) coming off the bench, Austin Todd doing his thing. It was really just a great team win."

On pinch hitting Jake McKenzie in the sixth inning...

"Jake is one of our best contact guys. That's what we needed in that situation. Patrick (Mathis) has been great for us. He had two hits on the night going into that at-bat, but I just liked the match-up. I liked Jake's confidence in that situation, and he did a great job coming off the bench."

Nolan Kingham, So., RHP

On his performance tonight...

"I just tried to stay with what I knew and just keep my strike zone. I knew my defense would take care of it. Luckily, my offense took care of a 4-1 lead, so I had a cushion for a while."

Jake McKenzie Jr., INF

On getting the chance to pinch hit ...

"Last night, coach called me over to possibly do the same thing in the same kind of situation, so I knew there was the possibility that it would happen tonight. He called me over and asked me if I wanted to hit. I said, yeah, I wanted to get the opportunity to take this at-bat and help the team out."



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Kansas Head Coach Ritch Price

Opening statement...

"I congratulate Texas on a really good win. (Nolan) Kingham was special tonight. He did a nice job of commanding the ball down and pitching the ball on both sides of the plate. He mixed in his off-speed stuff well, and it was a very impressive performance by him today."

Matt McLaughlin, Jr., INF

On the team's mentality after being down early in the game...

"The biggest thing for us is what I said yesterday. We've been able to score big runs when we needed to, and you saw us fighting all the way until the end tonight. Biggest thing for us is just competing all nine innings. Kingham did a great job getting the first guy out every single inning today. We scored a few runs throughout the game, but we tried to overcome our deficit all in one inning. Definitely have to tip your cap to him on how well he pitched."

On what Kingham did to keep Kansas batters in check...

"It was a lot of one-pitch outs. We tried to be aggressive because we knew he was attacking us early with his fastball, and we just hit it right at people and he forced some soft contact off the bat. It was tough for us to execute tonight."

Jackson Goddard, So., RHP

On how he regrouped after allowing four runs in the second inning:

"After that four-spot in the second inning, I was able to settle down and make better of the outing. At the end of the day, their guy was fantastic from pitch one and I didn't match his intensity. I take responsibility for not having the focus that I needed to keep us in the game early."