



2017 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship

OKLAHOMA STATE POSTGAME QUOTES - Game 11 Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 27, 2017

No. 8 Oklahoma State 4, No. 4 West Virginia 3 (10 inn.)

Oklahoma State Head Coach Josh Holliday

Opening statement...

"That was a very hard-fought game. I don't know where you begin. Joe (Lienhard) gave us a good start. He did what you need your pitching staff to do, and that's to get you deep into the game, so that you can navigate your bullpen. We had some chances early on. The young man for them has a live arm, and he gets the ball to home plate really quick. We weren't able to get on time with their slide steps and there balls were quick. We just didn't have a great look on him at times. We had opportunities. We certainly built some innings, but we just didn't close them out. Then Garrett's (McCain) clutch hit, which I haven't seen a more clutch player in a long time in coaching. He clutches up and gives us a three-run double. From there, our bullpen did a great job. Cole (Hearrean) came in and shut down an out. Jake (Cowan) did his thing, and Trey Cobb was awfully good. Carson Teel, what else can you say? The kid came in there and filled up the strike zone. We dealt with a little adversity there when it felt like or looked like we might be on the verge of closing it out. We all know how the game is. We all know how games in the conference tournaments and in the ballpark where the wind is quite active upstairs. That ball just kept carrying. It was a tough play for Cameron (Dobbs). But we bounced back. That was a blow that earlier in the season, we may not have had the resolve to withstand. Then Brice Fisher, I was just really happy for him to come off the bench with a big double. (Ryan) Cash gets on there and Garrett with another huge clutch base hit to give us some breathing room. As we've seen. Getting the last out is tough. It's a tough out. It's why baseball is so fascinating. Heck of a job by our kids. A lot of respect for West Virginia's team. That is a very deep, difficult lineup to pitch to."

Ryan Cash, Fr., INF

On his role as a set-up man...

"I think when I'm up at the plate, I just kind of know my role. Like Garrett was talking about, I know who's behind me. During that at-bat I could hear Coach Holliday just telling me – good guys behind you, keep battling. I think really that set a tone at the top of the order. I love doing it. I love the guys behind me producing"

Garrett McCain, Jr., OF

On his performance today...

"I couldn't have done it without this guy (Ryan Cash). Both times he had really good at-bats. First time, eight or nine pitch at-bat and drew a walk. Then the time after that, he wore one in the arm that allowed me to get to the plate. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to help out the squad. I hadn't had a really productive tournament so far, offensively, so I felt like I was letting the guys down, and I wasn't really producing in situations that I should've been. I'm just glad I got to redeem myself a couple times today. Hopefully this propels us for tomorrow."

On getting the last out of the game...

“(Jackson) Cramer is a really good hitter. He had shown earlier in the game that he could go up with some pop. He hit it up there. I think that was the first ball today that was above those beams out in the outfield, so you could really see what the wind was doing. I thought he got it good, but I didn’t think it was going to have as much distance as it was with the height that it had on it. I just kept going back, kept going back, and luckily, there was enough real estate back there for me to make the play on the warning track. Credit to him. He got a good swing on it. He just missed it, and it worked out in our favor.”



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WVU Head Coach Randy Mazey

Opening statement...

“Wow. Geeze. Another four-hour affair. Baseball has been a slow game for 100 years and I don’t think we’re changing that. In a game like this there is so much strategy involved and you have to use your benches, change pitchers, and it makes it tough on the fans but super proud of our guys. I brought these two guys in here with us because they’re half of the West Virginia natives on this team and they grew up in our state and they know what this means more than anybody. For us to achieve what, well I sure hope we’ve achieved it. You know we went out at the beginning of this year and our slogan was we’re on a mission to prove to everybody out there that we belong in the NCAA Tournament and I can’t imagine that we’re not in. I’ve been in this position before and haven’t made it but we deserve to be in and I believe we’ll be playing next week. These guys will tell you growing up as little kids in the state, to my knowledge West Virginia has never ever in over 100 years of baseball gotten an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament so this could be our first. This team will go down in history and these two guys are a huge part of it. As little kids they’ll tell you that they knew Mountaineer baseball, they know what our university is all about and what we stand for, how much pride there is around the entire state of West Virginia and the athletic program. When they put this jersey on, they play for each other, they play for the coaches, they play for the administration but these two guys realize more than anybody, they play for millions of fans around the state of West Virginia.”

On what he told the team in the dugout during the ninth inning...

“We’ve played a lot of games this year that have come down to the last inning. We lost a lot of them early but we got walked-off three times with a runner on our spring trip. When we got home we started walked other people off and when we started playing home games. So a game like that’s not unusual to us and that’s what we talked about, let’s walk them off, we’re the home team, we’ve got a chance to win this thing in the bottom of the inning. I mean we all feel confident with all the experience we’ve had in games like that. I was confident the whole time when McCain was backpedaling that ball in left field. I still thought we had a chance to win but some unbelievable at-bats with the game on the line and Jimmy’s being one of them. Unbelievable pitches with the game on the line that Shane was making and all the guys that came in there that haven’t pitched much this year to step up and pitch the way they did on the stage that they we’re on. It was basically another road game for us, not really a neutral game. It speaks volumes of the effort that these kids put into being baseball players on this team.”

Shane Ennis, Jr., RHP

On what it means to be on this year’s team...

“It’s kind of a weird feeling really. I mean I was talking to somebody the other day and I think it’s been 21 years since we’ve been in a regional and I was born in 1996 so I guess the last time we went I was born. They we’re actually trying to play for a regional because I was born in April so that a pretty cool deal to be part of this one.

Jimmy Galusky, R-So., INF

On having their starting pitchers back again...

“Like Coach Mazey was saying, I always grew up a Mountaineer fan so it’s exciting to be a part of this team and do stuff we haven’t done in a while. We’re an amazing team and we just need to stay hot.”