



2017 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship

TEXAS POSTGAME QUOTES - Game 13 Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark: May 27, 2017

No. 6 Texas 9, No. 2 TCU 3

Texas Head Coach David Pierce

Opening statement...

"Today was about these two guys right here (Michael Cantu and Blair Henley). We had great batters. Blair Henley did a great job at changing speeds, getting them inside, utilizing all four of his pitches. Michael did an unbelievable job defensively, as well as really getting the big blow and creating a little cushion for us. It was a tremendous team win. A tremendous job by the bench as well as the players on the field."

On his message to the team between games...

"I didn't say much at all really. They understood what was at stake. Basically, we were very determined. If they were going to beat us in game two, they were going to have to earn it. I thought we went out and took the ball game away. We created that early, and we just continued to pitch. We continued to play pretty solid defense. We really continued to tack on and keep them from having that run."

On the relief outing by Chase Shugart...

"The thing is, he did a great job of extending today. Once he got through the eighth, he was at 38 pitches, and I knew he was burned for tomorrow, so we were going with him in the ninth. If they had gotten it closer, we probably still would have stayed with Chase. But you know what, he is finding out that he deserves to be successful because he's actually working much more concentrated. It's fun to see his development. He's always had a big arm. He did a great job with his change-up, which is the number three pitch we haven't used a lot. He went to it today, and it was very successful. We're a pretty good three-pitch mix. It gives him the opportunity to go out for three to four innings."

Michael Cantu, Jr., C

On what's clicking for him in his game offensively...

"Just going out there, having confidence in myself and being ready when called up. It's going out there, being good for your team and good things will happen. We're always working on things to try and get better. It never stops. No matter if you're going good or struggling, we're always trying to figure things out and get better. Coach (Sean) Allen and I, we spend a lot of time together just working and just trying to barrel the balls and seeing them as they come in. It paid off."

Blair Henley, Fr., RHP

On reaching the Big 12 Championship game with the postseason looming...

"We're excited about getting a good win against a good team. I think we're in a great position to do well in a regional next week. It was a really big win."

On losing four straight to TCU prior to tonight's win...

"They're a good team. We hadn't played our best games. We should have beaten them the first two, but

we knew that we had to come back that this was a big game. It was very deciding on our future. We had to come out and do our job and win the game.”



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TCU Head Coach Jim Schlossnagle

Opening statement...

"First of all congratulations to the University of Texas. I thought they played really well in the second game. It really was that they outplayed us in every phase. I thought Blair Henley did a great job and we couldn't match him early on the mound but I feel good about the way we competed. We hit some balls hard and scored when we put some good swings on it. I'm really proud of our team. We've been home for two days in the last 19 days. I sound a little bit like Coach Mazey in the beginning of the season. You know we've been on the road for a while and I feel like we've done what we're supposed to do throughout the course of this season, regular season and the conference tournament to put ourselves in the position that we want to be in. We'll find out about that Sunday and Monday but we're really excited to get home, get some rest, sleep in our own beds, practice on our own field and get to the most important time of the season."

Mitchell Traver, Sr., RHP

On his pitching in the first game...

"It felt great. Your number one is to put your team in a position to win a ball game and I felt like I did that. I thought it was awesome that the guys came out hot after I gave up that solo bomb and was able to limit the damage to put up a four-spot like that. That's awesome. So as a pitcher it's really important to respond the right way. Certainly my thought process doesn't change. I'm still trying to make good pitches no matter what's going on. I really appreciated the guys being behind me and just giving them all I had."

On how he feels about the position the team is in now...

"When you do well obviously it builds confidence and you can build off of that and when you do things positively you just continue to get better. I think the timing is great but I was just really excited how the guys pitched this weekend especially starting pitchers and things like that. I think that there are a lot of positives we can take away. So for me personally, I'm definitely in that group."

Elliott Barzilli, Sr., INF

On where he sees the team after today...

"I think we made a lot of big strides this tournament. I mean even though we didn't get the ultimate goal; winning the tournament. I think we can take a lot away from this and build off of it and use it as momentum."

On what Texas' pitcher did to keep them off balance...

"I mean he's a good pitcher you have to tip your cap to him. He came out, he knew what he had to do in order to win and help his team advance. As a team I thought we we're hitting him pretty hard. It's just the game of baseball. You get unlucky. We can't really dwell on the fact that we're getting out, just look at the quality of the at-bat."