



2015 SEC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
MAY 19-24 | HOOVER METROPOLITAN STADIUM | HOOVER, ALA.

| GAME 2 | MISSOURI (5), SOUTH CAROLINA (1) | NOTES AND QUOTES |

MISSOURI POST-GAME NOTES

- Overall Record: 30-26
- Missouri trails the overall series 4-6.
- Missouri will face No. 2 Vanderbilt in Game 6 on Wednesday.
- Sophomore Ryan Howard's first inning single was his team-leading 23rd two-out single on the season.
- Freshman Trey Harris went 3-for-4 with one double and two singles with an RBI.
- Starting pitcher Reggie McClain is now 3-0 in four neutral site starts.
- McClain has pitched 15.1 innings against South Carolina, allowing only two earned runs and 11 hits. He also struck out seven batters and did not give up a walk in those innings.
- Junior Breckin Williams' save against South Carolina was his 13th of the season, the most in a single season in Missouri history.

SOUTH CAROLINA POST-GAME NOTES

- Overall Record: 32-25
- The Gamecocks are 25-42 in the SEC Tournament
- South Carolina is now 28-7 when allowing five runs or fewer, but is just 12-23 when scoring fewer than five runs.
- Sophomore outfielder Gene Cone is the only South Carolina player to have started each of the Gamecocks' 57 games this season and led the team from the plate today going 3-for-4 with a double.

MISSOURI HEAD COACH TIM JAMIESON

Opening Statement ...

"Just a great effort on our team's part. When we play our best that's how we play. Reggie came in and did what he needed to do on four day's rest and quite honestly went further than I had hoped for. Then you have a guy at the end of the table who set the single-season saves record for Mizzou. He came in a very difficult spot and got it done and had enough offense."

On confidence in Reggie McClain in an elimination game...

"It was a huge game. If you lose you go home, and that could have been our entire year if we lost today. With Reggie as good as he was today, his fastball commands, working both sides of the plate and can throw his breaking stuff in any count and keep the hitters off balance. Those things will make it difficult with any team. He pitched well against South Carolina back in Columbia a long time ago, and I was concerned about that a little bit because it had been a while since they had seen him. He pitched very well."

On offensive production from freshmen Brett Bond, Shane Benes and Trey Harris

"Really all year those three guys have been instrumental. What success we have had with three freshmen. They have bright futures ahead of them. The guys get better as the situation gets tougher. That's the way they have been the whole year. When you play your best in this type of environment it says a lot about your character and competitiveness."

NO. 24, REGGIE MCCLAIN, RHP, JR.

On preparation to pitch on short rest...

"Just doing a throwing program and making sure I was throwing every day. Nothing too strenuous. Making sure I was running, trying flushing my body, making sure I didn't have any soreness when I went out. I was in the athletic training room a lot this week which I'm normally not."

On pitching in an elimination game to extend postseason...

"It's a critical game, and I was up for it. I just approached it mentally like any other game, just knowing that if I did my part and tried to stay myself when I pitch then we were going to be in a good position. Having a back-end guy like Breckin (Williams), you know that when he gets in the game it's lights out."

NO. 13, BRECKLINE WILLIAMS, RHP, JR.

On striking out Kyle Martin to get out of eighth inning jam...

"I was trying not to let him get his hands extended. I was really trying to go in, but if I was going away something he couldn't put the barrel on. In that situation, he was just trying to hit something hard somewhere to get that run in. With a two-run lead, I had a little leniency. As long as I got him out I was going to feel pretty good. I was able to get lucky with a foul-tip in the glove on a not-so-great pitch, but I was lucky enough to go ahead before that and went with it."

SOUTH CAROLINA HEAD COACH CHAD HOLBROOK

Opening Statement ...

"Congratulations to Missouri. I thought [Reggie] McClain threw an excellent game. He located his pitches and had us off balance with his change-up. When we put the ball in play they made some pretty good defensive plays. The game came down to the 8th inning when we had men on second and third with no outs. They brought [Breckin] Williams in and he closed the door on us. We had the part of the lineup we wanted up and felt certain we would get one or maybe two runs and tie the game there. I thought that [Jack] Wynkoop gave us a great opportunity to win. He pitched his tail off. We just did not do enough offensively."

On the team's offense...

"I am surprised we weren't able to hit. We had a couple of opportunities to push runners across and tie the game. We have not been a very consistent team offensively all year long. This game is very indicative of how our season has been all year long. We have flashes, but haven't been able to get anything going consistently all year."

On possibly missing the NCAA tournament...

"It is very difficult. This baseball program has been good for a long time and will continue to be good for a long time. You can't have great years, or even good years, every year. This year, a lot of things didn't go our way. This league can eat you up, and it did. I am the head coach and I am responsible for that. I am not going to let, and I know these players aren't going to let, one difficult year define who we are. We are going to move forward the right way. South Carolina will be back. I hate these kids went through this year and feel responsible for ending this streak. Next year we can start another streak if we have the right kids in the dugout, and I think we will. We have to pick ourselves off of the mat."

NO. 13, JACK WYNKOOP, LHP, JR.

On his performance today...

"I think I struggled to get ahead of hitters a little bit. I struggled mixing my pitches. I just tried to battle with the stuff I had and give us a chance to win."

On South Carolina possibly missing the NCAA tournament...

"It is not the way we want to go out. There is a long tradition here of going to the postseason. I am happy to be a part of such a great program and I know that is where we will be next year."