



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

| GAME 1 | ALABAMA (6), OLE MISS (1) | NOTES AND QUOTES |

#### ALABAMA POST-GAME NOTES

- Overall Record: 31-26
- All six of Alabama's runs and eight of its 11 hits came with two outs.
- Alabama will face No. 3 Texas A&M in Game 5 of the tournament on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. CT.
- Junior Kyle Overstreet's single in the top of the fourth inning extended his hitting streak to 10 games. The streak is the longest on the team.
- Freshman Chandler Avant stole home in the top of the fifth for the first time since Alabama's Riley Colburn took home against Samford on April 17, 2015.
- Pitcher Geoffrey Bramblett recorded 10 strikeouts in the game for a new career high. He finished the game giving up just one run on nine hits and striking out 10.
- Bramblett's complete game was the second of his career, both of which were in post-season play. His last complete game was against Georgia Southern on June 1, 2014.

#### OLE MISS POST-GAME NOTES

- Overall Record: 30-26
- Ole Miss leads Alabama, 5-4, in SEC Tournament games.
- The Rebels fell to 0-8 this season when scoring only one run.
- Shortstop Errol Robinson and outfielder J.B. Woodman started all 56 games for Ole Miss this season and went a combined 4-for-9 on the day. Robinson and Woodman lead the team in hits this season with 59 and 56, respectively.

#### ALABAMA HEAD COACH MITCH GASPARD

##### *Opening Statement ...*

"I thought Geoffrey did a tremendous job. Anytime you start the tournament and get a complete game, he was efficient with his pitches as well, just a great start on the mound. Offensively, we did a really good job in those two innings. We strung good at-bats together, particularly with two outs, and kind of kept going from there. We've played pretty good baseball for two and a half weeks, which is encouraging to get off to a really good start today and prepare for Texas A&M in the morning."

##### *On double steal to spark the offense ...*

"We had Mikey at the plate and two good runners. The plan was if Mikey got down in the count we were going to take a shot at it. It worked out. It was a spot where it seemed like it loosened the guys up a little bit. Regardless of who is on, we try to create offense. We hadn't done a lot until that point. It worked in our favor today."

##### *On playing a complete game ...*

"For game one, I don't think we could have asked for a whole lot more. For our bullpen, a couple of those guys threw a lot of pitches this last weekend against Vanderbilt, so to give them one more day's rest was big there. It put us in a good spot and a good frame of mind for our hitters as well. We had a lot of our key hitters have nice day today and was able to get them off to a good start in the tournament."

NO. 7, CASEY HUGHSTON, RF, SO.

*On two-out hitting ...*

"We just got real clutch hits when we needed to in clutch situations to help out Bramlett. He did a heck of a job today like he's done all year for us. It was good for us to win and get momentum going into Texas A&M."

*On making a run in the tournament to extend postseason play ...*

"We have to take it game by game and pitch by pitch. We can't over think it. We just have to play the game and have fun."

NO. 15, GEOFFREY BRAMBLETT, RHP, SO.

*On having success on the mound ...*

"Early on it was the fastball location on both sides of the plate. The change-up is a pitch I have been trying to work on and it helped me throughout the year. (Will) Haynie behind the plate was doing a great job. I hardly had to shake anything off. I just wanted to work fast and work down, and it helped."

*On striking out Sikes Orvis four times ...*

"It was different pitches each time. I think I got him twice on a change-up and then a breaking ball and a fastball. We had good success against him in the series earlier in the year, so we knew what to expect facing him. I trusted Haynie with whatever he called."

OLE MISS HEAD COACH MIKE BIANCO

*Opening Statement ...*

"I just told the players it doesn't take a baseball genius to figure out what happened. Alabama just outplayed us today. That is what makes the SEC such an unbelievably good league. Anyone can beat anyone on any given day. I thought Scott [Weathersby] pitched well today. He just had a few tough innings but credit Alabama. They had some tough at bats. On the other side of the ball, for someone to throw a complete game in the opening game of the tournament is terrific. We didn't have very many opportunities but in the opportunities we did have they made great pitches."

*On what they will work on this week...*

"We will leave tonight for sure. We will get back and take a day off and then get back on the field. There are a lot of bad things about getting bumped in the first game. Some guys didn't get to pitch. For [Brady] Bramlett and [Christian] Trent that may be a good thing, but for the most part that may not be a good thing for everyone. When you do not get to use guys they have to sit. We need to get them some work during the week."

*On NCAA seeding ...*

"I don't get a vote. I think we have done enough. When you look at our resume there is not a bad thing on it. We have a good RPI and a winning record in the best conference in the nation. We had series wins against Florida and Vanderbilt, and we split with Texas A&M and Louisville. All of those teams are vying for national seeds. This team has played the No. 1 toughest schedule in the country and made it through that gauntlet."

NO. 24, SIKES ORVIS, 1B, SR.

*On wanting to play well in the tournament ...*

"Any game we win is going to help us down the road, but now it is time to focus on the postseason. We have to win some pitches and win ball games. Now we have to get refocused and get ready for the regional and make our run."

*On Geoffrey Bramlett ...*

"He did a good job of mixing three pitches and came right at me. I had a tough time picking him up. He knew he needed to give us something to hit and he filled the strike zone and came after us."

NO. 40, SCOTT WEATHERSBY, RHP, SR.

*On his performance early in the game compared to late in the game ...*

"I felt like I was getting ahead a lot early. In the fifth when they got two runs, it felt like I could get to 0-1 or 0-2 but I couldn't strike them out and finish them off."

*On Alabama ...*

"I think they were a team determined to win. They did a good job and had tough at bats. It is a discredit to us because we did not get them off the field and that is our job."