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| GAME 5 | TEXAS A&M (4), ALABAMA (3) | NOTES AND QUOTES |

TEXAS A&M POST-GAME NOTES

- Overall Record: 44-10
- The Aggies lead the all-time series with Alabama, 6-5.
- Texas A&M will face the winner of Game 6 between No. 2 seed Vanderbilt and No. 7 seed Missouri, Thursday at 4:30 p.m. CT.
- The Aggies improved to a perfect 38-0 on the season when leading after eight innings.
- Senior shortstop Blake Allemand ended his 13-game hitting streak, going 0-for-3 with a walk and a run on the day. Despite the hitless effort, Allemand moved into a tie for seventh with Chuck Knoblauch on the career walks list with 113. Allemand also tallied his 215th career start and 97th consecutive start.
- Junior left fielder Logan Taylor collected his 18th multi-hit game of the season, going 2-for-4 with an RBI.
- It was the fourth time in 15 starts that starting pitcher Grayson Long struck out 10-plus batters and the 20th time that the pitching staff fanned 10-plus in 54 games.

ALABAMA POST-GAME NOTES

- Overall Record: 31-27
- Alabama will play the loser of the Missouri-Vanderbilt fixture on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. CT.
- Junior Kyle Overstreet extended his hit streak to 11 games with his single in the top of the third.
- Cody Henry had two hits on the day, his eighth two-hit game and 11<sup>th</sup> multi-hit game on the season. J.C. Wilhite also put up two hits, his 12<sup>th</sup> two-hit game and 15<sup>th</sup> multi-hit game on the season.
- Alabama dropped to 1-2 in neutral site appearances and is now 3-4 in one-run games.
- The Crimson Tide was 30-4 prior to Wednesday's loss when out-hitting its opponents. Alabama out-hit Texas A&M, 8-6.
- Alabama was 25-7 prior to Wednesday's loss when scoring the game's first run.

TEXAS A&M HEAD COACH ROB CHILDRESS

*Opening Statement ...*

"It was an extremely hard-fought game. It was well-played on both sides. I'm very proud of the resiliency of our players. Our team all year long has just been in the fight until the very end. Alabama's freshman, Walters, did a really nice job and had outstanding stuff. Early they were able to build the lead, but then we were able to answer right back with two outs and nobody on in the bottom of the third. We made some great plays. Grayson wobbled early but I felt like his fourth, fifth and sixth innings were far and away his best. He is extremely competitive, and we had some amazing momentum plays. Nick Choruby saved a sure triple in center field, and Logan Taylor's throw in the ninth inning was a big-time play."

*On moving Hendrix to the bullpen ...*

"He has been good at times. He's just not great at managing the game yet in a starting role. Today his stuff was electric. The six outs that he got were very special. We just made that decision based on what we've seen the last several weeks. We want to have our game mangers out front and our guys with wipeout stuff at the end of the game. It certainly worked today."

*On the catch Nick made in center field ...*

"He made a catch like that earlier in the year. He is just fearless in the outfield."

*On Grayson's outing ...*

"I couldn't be more proud of Grayson and the pitcher and man that he has become. He led us into every weekend when A.J. Minter went down as good as any Friday night pitcher in the country. He's extremely competitive and refuses to lose. He really wanted the ball in Game 1 of this tournament, and he didn't disappoint. It's been a special year for him, and he had a special performance today on short rest."

NO. 38, GRAYSON LONG, RHP, JR.

*On his one inning of trouble ...*

"I kind of fell apart mentally. I didn't get a call that I thought should have gone the other way. It kind of snowballed on me. I came back in after that inning and coach said, 'You're our guy, get us six right here.'"

*On the double plays later in the game ...*

"They were huge. They had a leadoff guy on base and that was a great turn by Notte [Logan Nottebrok] and Blake [Allemand]. It helped me get off the field."

*On change in mentality ...*

"The big thing was T-Stubb [Tyler Stubblefield] and A.J. [Minter] going down. Coach said to me, 'You're going to have to carry this team and we'll go as far as you allow us to.' That's how I approach every game. I just trust in coach and the guys behind us."

NO. 17, LOGAN TAYLOR, LF, JR.

*On the play in the ninth inning throwing out the runner at the plate ...*

"I just tried to field it clean first and throw a strike at home. It was big time."

*On what they saw the first time through the lineup ...*

"I think we were just a little anxious during the first go-around. We began to see the ball a little better and got a little more patient. We started looking for something we could drive rather than just something we could put a bat on."

*On changing the approach in this stadium ...*

"No, the approach stayed the same. We've never tried to hit home runs. We just try to hit the ball hard. That's been our approach all season. Just let the ball get on you and put the bat on it."

ALABAMA HEAD COACH MITCH GASPARD

*Opening Statement ...*

"Tough loss. I thought our guys played really well. I thought it was a well-played game overall. Jake gave us a great start. The bullpen did a nice job. We put together a couple good innings early and again in the ninth. It was getting outs, you know. They're safe at the plate or they make a play and you're out. In the ninth their kid made a really good throw in the situation. I thought our guys played really hard. A&M's a really good ball club. They have an outstanding offense. I thought we did a good job overall against some of the top pitchers in the SEC this year. Guys fought all the way to the end and gave us an opportunity there in the ninth."

*On sending him in the ninth...*

"I think you've got to send him there. [Will] Haney gets the big hit in the eight hole, you've got the nine hole coming up. Absolutely, they have to make a play, in my eyes, in that situation. That's where you tip your hat to them. That guy threw an absolute straight to the plate and to make a play. That's an easy ball to second guess. Absolutely, send him in that situation."

*On the bang-bang play...*

"He said his foot got the back side of the plate before we made the tag. I thought the ball beat him in that situation. Honestly, I didn't see the replay. It was a great throw by Casey [Hughston] and he very well may have got in but I thought it was well played on our end and I thought the ball beat him. Obviously, they felt like he got his foot in there before the tag."

NO. 9, CODY HENRY, 1B, FR.

*On getting early runs across...*

"We were just picking up on the fastball, just saw it well. We were all seeing it. We were just seeing fastballs in the zone and not chasing anything."

*On what changed in third inning...*

"I think that they just knew how to pitch us a little better. They were leaving balls above in the beginning of the game. I think they started pitching a little better as the game got on."

NO. 16, JAKE WALTERS, RHP, FR.

*On bounce back from last week...*

"Coming back from last week wasn't a good quality start. In the bullpen I was working on pitching out a little bit more. I have a bit more break in my pitches. But third inning, I was leaving a lot of pitches up and I was heavy on breaking balls."