



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

| GAME 9 | ALABAMA (4), MISSOURI (3) | NOTES AND QUOTES |

ALABAMA POST-GAME NOTES

- Overall Record: 32-27
- Alabama leads the all-time series with Missouri, 4-3.
- Alabama will face the loser of Game 11 between No. 3 seed Texas A&M and No. 2 seed Vanderbilt in Game 13 Friday at 3 p.m. CT.
- In Alabama's three SEC Tournament games this season, 14 of 25 hits and 10 of 13 runs were collected with two outs.
- Alabama hit its 27th home run of the season, but just the ninth at Hoover Metropolitan Stadium.
- With one run in the bottom of the first, the Crimson Tide improved to 26-7 on the season when scoring first. They also improved to 26-2 when leading after seven innings and a perfect 29-0 when leading after eight.
- This was Alabama's first win of the season when the two teams recorded an equal number of hits.
- Reliever Thomas Burrows picked up his team-high seventh save of the season.
- Third baseman Kyle Overstreet snapped his 11-game hitting streak going 0-for-4 on the day.
- Right fielder Casey Hughston recorded his 23rd multi-hit game of the season going 2-for-4 with one RBI and one run scored.

MISSOURI POST-GAME NOTES

- Overall Record: 30-28
- Missouri is now 1-3 all-time in the SEC Tournament.
- Freshman Tanner Houck went 8 innings, giving up four runs on six hits and striking out eight. Houck leads the nation in innings pitched.
- Missouri now has a pair of pitchers (Houck and McClain) over 100 innings pitched for the first time since 2007.
- Trey Harris' two-hit game was his 12th two-hit game and 14th-multi-hit game of the season.
- Missouri fell to 9-9 in one-run games and 5-10 in games where opponents score in the first inning.

TOURNAMENT NOTES

- The six-consecutive one-run games is the longest streak in SEC Tournament history. The previous stretch was four in 2003 and 1987.
- Through the first nine games, six one-run games are tied for the most in SEC Tournament history.

ALABAMA HEAD COACH MITCH GASPARD

Opening Statement ...

"We've been in a lot of these situations, tournament and regional games, and it's really about having energy. It's easy to come out today after both teams lose tough games yesterday with low energy. I feel like we came out with good energy today. We got popped a little bit when they scored the two, and then we bounced back. The key today was really simple. Taylor [Guilbeau] gave us a good start, and the bullpen was really good on the back end once we took the lead. Offensively we did enough. [Casey] Hughston got the big double to get us started, then Cody [Henry] got the big two RBIs to get us going, and then [Will] Haynie hits the bomb. Pretty well-played game on both sides. We're fortunate to keep going and have another day in front of us."

On the expected starter for tomorrow's game ...

"Right now I feel like Will Collier is a kid that's thrown really good the last two weeks for us. He started the season as our Saturday guy. He didn't have a lot of success. We really put him on the shelf and he's come back and his last three outings have been really good. He's a big arm that's going to be in the mid-90's. He was very involved last Saturday in the shutout against Vanderbilt. He went about four or five innings. Right now that's the direction we'll go. We're not in that bad of shape right now. We've still got some guys that can go out and piece some games together. We've got some guys we trust down in the bullpen."

On SEC opposition and regional selections ...

"Just going off the past, 15 SEC wins, which Missouri has, typically would get you in. To me that's got to be the first team you look at because of what they did in conference play. Auburn has a nice resume with a high RPI. They had a nice win here. Kentucky is the same. This year seems to be a little different. There are a lot of teams out there that have had really good years and have high RPIs. I don't know if 14 or 15 SEC wins is the lock that it used to be. Unless things fall the right way the next 48 hours there could be some teams left out that have the numbers that would typically get them in."

NO. 24, WILL HAYNIE, C, SO.

On his go-ahead home run ...

"He kind of got it on my hands the previous two at-bats so I backed off the plate and I knew he was going to attack with fastballs. I got a good pitch up in the zone and put a good swing on it."

On approach against Missouri pitcher Tanner Houck ...

"Well he's got 93 or 94 mph running in on your hands. He has a great arm and he was good all day. We were able to click him when we needed to and some guys got big hits."

NO. 20, TAYLOR GUILBEAU, LHP, SR.

On his performance on the mound ...

"I feel like I threw the ball really well. It wasn't my best outing. I just try to go out there and compete for these guys so that they'll compete back for me. I feel like when I try to throw good pitches my defense will work for me and the hitting will come around. My fastball was working really well today. I didn't really have control of my changeup much throughout the whole year, but I've been working on it in the bullpen and it started to work for me today. I didn't have good control of my curveball but I got a few good ones when I needed to. The fastball and changeup worked really well for me today."

MISSOURI HEAD COACH TIM JAMIESON

Opening Statement...

"I want to offer my personal congratulations to Alabama. I told Coach Gaspard after the game that I thought he has done an incredible job dealing with the fact that they have not played any home games. They played very well at the end of the season, which is tough for any team to do, but especially for one that is on the road as much as them. They earned the win. I thought we battled. Tanner [Houck] certainly did. The sixth inning was kind of our undoing. Alabama was able to score two runs and that got them right back in the game."

On Alabama's go-ahead home run...

"It was a mistake pitch up in the zone. He was throwing first-pitch fastballs all day. It was just a bad pitch."

On the team's postseason chances...

"I think this is a regional team. I think we would do well in a regional. We have proven that every weekend in the Southeastern Conference. Our resume is worthy. We won 16 games in the conference and played five games against Top 10 opponents. Unfortunately, we stubbed our toe in the nonconference. When was the last time the seventh best team in the SEC didn't make it to a regional? They should take the best teams, and not the teams with the best RPI's. If they take the conference champions and the 32 best teams after that, we should be in."

NO. 11, TANNER HOUCK, RHP, FR.

On Alabama reaching base on infield singles...

"That is just a part of the game. You can hit a line drive to the center fielder and it's an out, or you can hit a bloop in the infield and it can be a hit. That's just the game and it happened to work out for them."

NO. 2, BRETT PEEL, 2B, SR.

On the team's late season struggles...

"We gave great effort all year and today. We are just hoping that the things we have done up until this pint will get us in. If it doesn't it will be a little bit disappointing, but I thought we did a lot of great things this year."