

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

# | GAME 13 | VANDERBILT (16), ALABAMA (1) | NOTES AND QUOTES | VANDERBILT POST-GAME NOTES

- Overall Record: 41-18
- Vanderbilt faces Texas A&M in the semifinals at Noon CT on Saturday. Vanderbilt lost to the Aggies on Thursday, 6-1.
- Today's games marks the fifth time and first since 2009 that a team has lost by 15 or more runs. The last game was the 2009 semifinal when LSU defeated Georgia 16-0.
- The game was the 23<sup>rd</sup> time that a team has scored 16 or more runs in SEC Tournament history.
- Vanderbilt's eight doubles against Alabama ties the SEC record for most doubles in a game. The record was set by LSU in 1997 in a 12-5 win over Tennessee.
- Vanderbilt's 19 hits against Alabama ties a season high for hits in a game. Vanderbilt had 19 hits against Illinois State on March 1.
- The Commodores' 15-run win is tied for the largest margin of victory this season. Vanderbilt beat Illinois State by 15 runs of Feb. 27.
- Philip Pfeifer's seven innings of work is tied for his longest outing of the season. He pitched seven innings against Missouri on April 25.
- All nine starters had a hit and scored, while six starters had a double.
- Vanderbilt is now 4-3 in neutral site games.

## ALABAMA POST-GAME NOTES

- Overall Record: 32-28
- The 15-run deficit was the largest defeat of the season for the Crimson Tide.
- 16 runs were the most allowed by the Alabama pitching staff this season.
- Vanderbilt's eight fourth-inning runs were the most allowed by Alabama in a single inning this season.
- 19 hits were the most allowed by the Crimson Tide this season.

## VANDERBILT HEAD COACH TIM CORBIN

Opening Statement ...

"I think Arkansas' errors were the result of the pressure that we put on them. Mark Laird led off the game with a beautiful base hit, and then, we hit and ran and (Jake) Fraley did a tremendous job hitting a ground ball to the left side. Their third baseman (Bobby Wernes), who is the best defensive third baseman in the league, tried to make something out of a tough play, forced the throw to second, and he threw it into the outfield. The other errors were the results of stolen bases where we put a lot of pressure on them. I thought our team's speed and our bat-handling ability was a big factor early in the game. We put a lot of pressure on them. They made some mistakes, and I thought we took advantage of them."

#### NO. 8, ALEX BREGMAN, SS, JR.

On tonight's game....

"I think we came out fast and played aggressively. Offensively, we put the pressure on the defense. We stole a lot of bases early. We were really aggressive at the plate, swinging at good pitches to hit. We were putting them in the middle of the field, and if we keep doing that, we will be successful."

#### ALABAMA HEAD COACH MITCH GASPARD

#### Opening Statement...

"It was unfortunate to finish the tournament up that way. The game itself, there's not too much to say. Vanderbilt was on the barrel from the first inning on and we just didn't have an answer for them. Pfeifer did a really good job on the other end. Just credit Vanderbilt today for the way they played and what they did. It doesn't take away from these two guys and team. No one can understand what this group has been through this year. To be in a hotel room every weekend and to make a run at the end, it's something I'm proud of. I'm proud of our coaches and I'm proud of our players to hang together through a lot of adverse situations this year. We'll all be better for that. Disappointed in the year that we didn't make it. Who knows what's going to happen next week, but at the same time there's a lot of satisfaction in the group itself. How they went about it and the class that they showed throughout the course of the season, because there was a lot of adversity this year with what they had to deal with. Very, very proud of this group of kids."

#### On what was different today as opposed to last time they faced Vanderbilt ...

"When you get beat like that, not only were they on the barrel all day, but everything they hit found a hole as well. You just credit them. When a team gets 19 hits and they string together and 8-run inning and a couple 3-run innings, and they were all clean. It was doubles, and I'm sure if you look back we missed a lot of spots. Sometimes the game just doesn't work in your favor. Today was one of those days. You just tip your hat to Vanderbilt. Obviously they are a hell of a ball club and they put it all together today on us."

#### NO. 1, MIKEY WHITE, SS, JR.

#### On how tough the season was ...

"It was tough not really having a home game and not really having a home field to practice on, but we showed a lot of fight. It was awesome getting to be with your brothers every day of the year and travel with them, be on a bus with them. Those experiences you aren't going to forget. That was the cool aspect of it, was getting to travel with those guys, stay in hotels with those guys, and just be a unit all year."