



## 2016 SEC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT MAY 24-29 | HOOVER METROPOLITAN STADIUM | HOOVER, ALA.

### | GAME 5 | LSU 5, TENNESSEE 4 | NOTES AND QUOTES |

#### VANDERBILT POST-GAME NOTES

- With the win, Vanderbilt is now 5-6 against the Aggies.
- Starting on the mound for the 'Dores, John Kilichowski pitched 5.2 innings and allowed five runs on eight hits, striking out three Aggies before Matt Ruppenthal stepped in for relief and allowed just one hit.
- Freshman outfielder, Walker Grisanti (1-for-1) recorded his first-career home run to help secure the win.
- Hitting his third home run in conference play, Julian Infante (2-for-4) now has seven on the year.
- Will Toffey (3-for-4) earned his third three-hit game of the year.
- Toffey and Connor Kaiser (2-for-3) went on to contribute two RBI's each to the six RBI game total, keeping them in a tie for 19 RBI's on the year.

#### TEXAS A&M POST-GAME NOTES

- Texas A&M drops to 4-5 all-time in the SEC Tournament, 2-3 vs. Vanderbilt. This was the third-straight game the Aggies have played vs. the Commodores in the Tournament. Texas A&M defeated Vanderbilt 6-1 before falling to the Commodores 12-3 to be eliminated last year.
- Andrew Vinson's 6-inning outing today was his longest career SEC outing and his longest in any appearance since going a career-best 7.2 vs. Coastal Carolina on May 31, 2015. Vinson has allowed one earned run (Julian Infante's solo home run in the fifth today) over his last four appearances (18.1 IP) for a 0.50 ERA.
- The first nine runs of the game (all five of Texas A&M's runs and Vanderbilt's first four runs) came with two outs.
- Texas A&M falls to 8-4 this season in 1-run games, 1-1 vs. Vanderbilt. Texas A&M beat Vanderbilt 1-0 on May 5.
- Jonathan Moroney reached base in all four of his plate appearances today, finishing 2-for-2 with a 2-run double, a single and two walks.
- The bottom three in Texas A&M's lineup went 6-for-10 today with two doubles, a triple, all five A&M RBI, two walks and three runs scored.

#### TEXAS A&M HEAD COACH ROB CHILDRRESS

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

"I thought it was an extremely hard-fought game for both sides. For a 9:30 game, I thought both teams were ready to go. Both starting pitchers did a very nice job. We took a look at Andrew [Vinson] in a starting role and extended him the last couple of weeks out of the bullpen. I really like what I saw today. We scored three runs in the second inning. We got off the field in the third. It was kind of a back-and-forth. (There were) a lot of big hits."

##### *On the early start*

"When the guys are done with finals, we have to get them up early. They were up and ready to go at the pre-game at the high school. I thought the energy was good from the start. You know, with an older team, that's what you expect as a coach. We have an older team [and] great leadership. Both teams were ready to go at 9:30. It was a hard-fought, I guess if you were a baseball fan, a pretty good game to watch. It was back-and-forth."

##### *On the parity of the SEC*

"There's an awful lot of talent. You go through 10 weeks of SEC play and you all come together here at the end. Everyone's fighting for another trophy and another ring. There's a fine line between winning and losing. It's a very thin line. For us, we didn't do enough today to deserve to win and Vanderbilt did. That's

the reason they won. They blazed and got hits when it mattered most there at the end of the game. It's a thin line when you're playing as many talented teams in the tournament between winning the game, and going home and losing."

### **ANDREW VINSON, RHP**

*On his start*

"I didn't do a good job of getting ahead early in the counts. I didn't handle the errors. They were swinging at all of my pitches. They went deep into counts in every at bat. They made all of my pitches matter. They did a great job."

### **VANDERBILT HEAD COACH TIM CORBIN**

*Opening Statement ...*

"It was a great college baseball game, and we ended up on the right side of it. Toward the end, losing the lead, but being able to jump back in it was a great effort put forth by our kids. Some young kids had some very big days for us. We pitched tough at the end. I'm proud of Matt (Ruppenthal). He did a nice job getting those last three outs. The double play at the end was just a very well done play. I'm proud and happy for the kids."

*On choosing the right pinch hitter...*

"I think that comes up most of the time. Because of the ball, the velocity and the angle, you feel like the guys swing matches up. A guy like Ecker (Mark), who hasn't been touched up all year, could be the nation's top closer. Your readiness to hit, and square up the baseball and concentrate is paramount in those situations. For a young kid like Walker, I'm not sure when the last time he had a chance to swing the bat in a game was, but you have to give a kid like that credit. It's just a big moment for him and I'm very happy for him."

*On playing in the morning versus playing in the afternoon...*

"Your day is flipped upside down. You hope they get to bed early. You're just trying to get them to settle down and go to bed. The mornings are slow and it's just important to get them to breakfast. We don't have a meeting with them in the morning, because their minds are more clear at night. In the morning they just want to eat and they don't even want you to talk to them. We just get them to the ballpark and get them ready. Once they get going and get their bodies moving they're in pretty good shape."

### **WALKER GRISANTI, OF**

*On thinking the game could slip away...*

"I don't think that any game is too far out of reach. I feel like our dugout has a lot of energy. No matter how far we're down I think we're able to come back."

### **JULIAN INFANTE, IF**

*On pinch hitting...*

"I think every at bat you try to contribute and make the best of every opportunity. You have to have that mentality every time you hit. Coming off of the bench and hitting is just another at bat and another way to score a run. You just have to try and help your team out."

*On first homerun of the year...*

"I never go up there trying to hit a homerun. I was just trying to get a good swing on the ball."