



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

| GAME 10 | FLORIDA 5, ALABAMA 4 | NOTES AND QUOTES |

ALABAMA POST-GAME NOTES

- Alabama falls to 26-7 when scoring at least four runs this season.
- The loss evens the all-time series between Alabama and Florida at 57-all with Alabama holding a 9-7 advantage in neutral-site games and a 6-5 lead in SEC Tournament games.
- Alabama falls to 8-8 in 1-run games this season.
- Alabama catcher Will Haynie threw out two potential base stealers in the game. For the season, Haynie has thrown out 16 of the 31 base stealers.
- With his walk in the sixth inning, Chandler Taylor has reached base in 20 consecutive games.
- Danny Reyes' RBI single in the eighth inning snapped a string of 10.1 scoreless innings for the Alabama bullpen in this year's SEC Tournament. Overall, Crimson Tide relievers threw 11.2 innings, allowing only one run on nine hits and three walks with six strikeouts in the tournament.

FLORIDA POST-GAME NOTES

- With the win the Gators improved to 63-60 all-time and 10-9 versus Alabama in SEC Tournament play.
- Starting pitcher Brady Singer pitched the longest outing of his career today (6.0 innings), surpassing the 3.1 innings tossed against Miami (FL) on February 27.
- Singer threw five shutout innings out of the six total he pitched, including retiring eight straight and forcing 13 groundouts.
- JJ Schwarz went 2-for-3 and tallied his 47th RBI, which tied Peter Alonso for the team lead.
- The Gators started a season-high five freshman.
- Mike Rivera went 3-for-4 with a double, walk and run scored. His performance marked his first three-hit game of the season.

ALABAMA HEAD COACH MITCH GASPARD

Opening Statement ...

"Jake has been so good for us all year, but he just didn't have the command today that he's had throughout the course of the season. With that being said, the offense was able to put together a good inning and take the lead. Foster was tremendous and gave us a chance throughout the course of the game, but we just couldn't muster up any offense. Florida is obviously the No. 1 team in the country, and they proved that today."

On the performance of pitcher Clarke Schmidt ...

"When you're in this league and you face the dominant arms, you have to have some really tight offensive players. We were just a little bit thin around those areas and didn't have a lot of depth."

On trying to hold off the Florida bullpen ...

"We got three runs and our numbers have been around four or five runs. If we can get there then we've been able to win games so that was an offensive explosion for us. He [Brady Singer] settled in pretty good and made a lot of quick pitches and innings, but we couldn't beat them today. "

MATT FOSTER, P

On Thursday's game ...

"It was just about coming in and doing a good job."

DANIEL CUCJEN, SS

On learning about Florida being their competitor ...

"I actually fell asleep before the game was over so I found out this morning. It was a last-minute thing but we were ready for whoever."

On hitting against Brady Singer ...

"Coach said he was good, and you have to tip your hat to him today. We competed but just couldn't come through today."

FLORIDA HEAD COACH KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

Opening Statement ...

"Obviously that was a difficult game for us with the obvious short turn out from last night. I thought Brady (Singer) threw the ball really well. I thought Alabama did a nice job scoring three runs with two outs in the second inning. Brady continued to pitch and put up four zeros after, which gave us a lift. I think today was a really big step in the right direction for Brady. I think it's a big day for his development, especially on a stage like this. I thought the bullpen was fine. I think a few players had big games like JJ (Schwarz) had a couple hits and Danny Reyes. I thought Danny gave us a nice lift and got the big hit in the eighth inning. What can you say about Mike Rivera? He caught 14 innings last night and had some really well at-bats today. We are looking forward to tomorrow to whomever we play. It is important for us to get Alex Faedo back out there for starting for a regional and look forward to getting him back out there."

On Logan Shore ...

"He didn't feel well this morning and it kind of came on yesterday a little bit. We had a stomach bug going around. We have been on the road for the fourth out of the last five weeks and A.J. (Puk) had it. It was an opportunity for Brady to go out there, extent himself and get more depth. We are looking forward to the regional."

On approaching the tournament ...

"You are certainly careful. Today we got a lot of guys on the mound. Brady got his first start of his career. You try to do whatever you can to win, but I do think you try and get some value out of it. You walk out of here today and Danny Reyes might get shot in the arm, then he got two hits. There are some things that you can take out of today. In the grand scheme of things does it matter? I don't know. We are here and we want to win. You don't want to tact your arms where it isn't going to effect yourself next week or get anyone injured for that matter. I thought today was a really great and positive day. There are some things we will take away from it but in the end we strapped it on offensively when we needed it."

DANNY REYES, RF

On how big were his first two doubles here ...

"It was definitely big. I came out with a situation with two outs and a man on second. We really harp on two-out hits. Last night was definitely a long night, and we didn't get that hit, so I was glad I was able to come through today for the team."

BRADY SINGER, P

On coming back after the emotion of last night

"It was definitely hard. Last night was obviously a long night. Everybody got back to bed at 3:30 a.m., and had to wake up this morning, dig deep, fight back and get us a win so we can keep on in this tournament."