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OLE MISS POST-GAME NOTES

- Ole Miss improves to 43-16 on the season, 24-23 in the SEC Tournament under Mike Bianco.
- With today's win, the Rebels match their most wins in the SEC tournament since 2008.
- Ole Miss has plated 152 runs in the first three innings, outscoring opponents, 152-81.
- Third basemen Colby Bortles has now reached base in seven-consecutive games. He has also hit safely in six-straight games.
- Colby Bortles' 2-for-5 day allowed him to become the sixth Rebel to record four RBIs in a single game this season.
- This marks the eighth time this season the Rebels have scored double-digit runs. They are 8-0 when reaching the double figure mark.

VANDERBILT POST-GAME NOTES

- Bryan Reynolds went 3-for-5 (5th 3-hit game of the season) with his 13th home run of the season, three RBIs and a run scored against Ole Miss. His five RBIs are tied for the second-most in the SEC Tournament this season.
- Reynolds' home run was Vanderbilt's fourth in this year's SEC Tournament, which leads all teams.
- Jeren Kendall had his team-best sixth three-hit game of the season, including his eighth triple, which ties Missouri's Zach Lavy for the most in the SEC. Reynolds and Kendall are tied for the lead in the SEC with 59 runs scored this season.
- Kendall's triple adds to Vanderbilt's SEC lead as the Commodores now have 26 three-baggers on the season.
- Will Toffey drew his SEC-best 51st walk of the season.
- The 21 runs scored are the most in an SEC Tournament game since Vanderbilt beat Mississippi State 16-8 on May 25, 2013.

OLE MISS HEAD COACH MIKE BIANCO

Opening Statement ...

"I thought we played really well tonight. At the end you look how close it was, and I don't think the box score should take away how well we played tonight. It was one of those days where you're trying to save some pitching and go at people. I thought the offense was tremendous. You hope to have a night like that against somebody that is as good as Jordan Sheffield. It was a great night offensively for us. We're proud of James (McArthur), who hasn't started in two weeks. To come out in this type of environment and pitch like that was certainly a huge lift for our players."

On choosing James McArthur to throw tonight...

"The original plan coming in to this game was getting the third game and thinking it would be good to pitch McArthur. We needed him to have a start with success because he hadn't had a start in a few weeks. It would give Chad a couple of days rest also. I was confident in him obviously; you don't run a guy out there unless you think he can be successful."

On offense playing well...

"I think they are seeing the ball well and swinging the bat with a lot of confidence. It's not just a few guys; it's a lot of different people. Today, I thought the whole game was about the timely hit. We got guys on and were able to score. Fortunately, we were able to get off the field with their players still on base. We were able to make a pitch and not let the whole ballgame blow up on us."

HENRI LARTIGUE, C

On offense getting going...

"Our guys are just going out there and having quality at bats. That's all we ask out of everyone in the line up. We were just getting some really good pitches to hit. Guys like J.B. (Woodman) and Colby (Bortles) were able to put good swings on the balls and not miss. That's good for us. With a guy like Sheffield on the mound, who has a power arm, if he gives you pitches to hit you have to take advantage of it. Just great job all around today and the whole tournament."

On Jordan Sheffield's pitching...

"To me he was getting ahead. He has a very firm fastball and I think guys saw it okay. He has a really good change up so it gets hard to stay on the straight stuff all of the time. Our guys just continue to battle and make adjustments. We just didn't give in to him and continued to compete."

JAMES MCARTHUR,

On what was working on the mound tonight...

"What was working well for me was getting ahead and being able to attack the zone early."

On mental preparation for day...

"The message was the scouting report. We just had to go after these guys and try to get ahead. The bats were going and when you have a lead like that it's easy to go out there and really attack the zone."

VANDERBILT HEAD COACH TIM CORBIN

Opening Statement ...

"I think, first off, we just didn't get the start we needed to. They jumped on us quick. I felt, and I think the kids did too, that we had a long way to go. They are the type of offensive team that has gotten a lot better in the last month to where we can play catch up and play it pretty well, and we actually did. If you look back, we had three innings, I think, where we left the bases loaded. We broke down a couple innings with runners on first and second. We played like crap in the sixth inning. We let a strikeout get to the backstop, we should have caught a fly ball and could have turned a double play. That's four (runs) right there. We try to walk a guy and you throw it in the crapper behind the catcher. We had a play call on the first-and-third that was thrown back to the pitcher, who was communicated with, and he played it like a freshman. He turned his back and decided to take it off the leg, and so they score another one. That's unfortunate because that's seven runs right there in a ball game in which those were expensive. The outcome will show you we still had a chance. I thought we swung the bats very well from inning five on. Just a weird game. Credit Ole Miss."

On how Ole Miss handled pitcher Jordan Sheffield ...

"I think he left some fastballs up. I'll have to take a look at it, but I think the fastball he left up to (Henri) Lartigue, and then a fastball count to (Colby) Bortles, and then walked a couple guys. After that, (Cameron) Dishon had a big hit. He just didn't command his fastball, and I do think he was running away with his changeup. He just wasn't able to command that until he had it going a little bit. After that hiccup, which was a big one, he was able to settle down enough to take us into the ball game. It was kind of a little bit too late. One inning the bases were loaded with (J.B.) Woodman up, and the ball must look like a basketball to him right now, I think, but we were able to slow him down with a change up and did a pretty good job the remainder of the game."

On any player impact when offense and pitching isn't in sync ...

"No, I don't. I think we're beyond that, and I think you have to be beyond that. There are two sides to the ball game, and I think the kids are pretty mature with that. We didn't execute as well as we needed to defensively, but we really, and I appreciate the effort, we kept ourselves in the game. The talk in the dugout was good, and I thought the at-bats were good. A hit with the bases loaded changes the complexion of the game. We scored nine off a team with a very good bullpen. We just didn't play the game well on the other side."

BRIAN REYNOLDS

On concern of getting offense generated against stout pitching...

“We got our offense going at least, so that’s a positive. We didn’t get the timely hit early in the game that we got late in the game, but that will come around.”

JEREN KENDALL

On putting a loss behind you...

“We’ll talk about it. That’s all that we’ll do. We’ll talk about it and leave it where it is. It’s a new day tomorrow. We’ll sleep on it tonight, get rid of it in the morning and come back and play a good game tomorrow.”