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| GAME 15 | TEXAS A&M 12, OLE MISS 8 | NOTES AND QUOTES |

TEXAS A&M POST-GAME NOTES

- In its four years in the SEC, Texas A&M holds a 7-5 mark in SEC Tournament play.
- Today's marked the 14th time in the past 15 games the Aggies faced Top 10 opponent; Texas A&M holds an 9-4 mark against those Top 10 foes.
- The Aggies improved to 22-5 when scoring in the first inning; when scoring first, Texas A&M boasts a 35-6 mark.
- Senior catcher Michael Barash extended his hitting streak to a career-best 10 games. Barash also extended his reach-base streak to a season-high 13 games. Barash knocked in three runs, his 16th multi-RBI game and his fifth with three RBI.
- J.B. Moss earned his 20th multi-hit game in 2016.
- The Aggies have given up five runs in a single inning four times this year, but hold a 4-0 record in those contests (Yale 3/5, at Auburn, 3/19 and at Arkansas, 4/30).
- The Aggies and Rebels combined for 29 hits, the most in the SEC Tournament this year.
- Today's game lasted four hours and 21 minutes, the longest 9-inning game in tournament history.

OLE MISS POST-GAME NOTES

- Today's game was the first meeting in the SEC Tournament between Texas A&M and Ole Miss.
- This was Ole Miss' first loss of the season when leading after six innings (38-1).
- Ole Miss' 5-run third was the 10th time this season it has scored at least five runs in an inning.
- Ole Miss has played in the two highest-scoring games in this year's tournament and three of the top 5.
- All 17 of Ole Miss' hits today were singles, tied for fifth-most in an SEC Tournament all-time and the most since Vanderbilt had 17 vs. Mississippi State on May 25, 2013.
- Ole Miss was 11-for-20 and scored seven of its eight runs with two outs today.
- Errol Robinson (4-for-6, 4 RBI) posted his 13th multi-hit game in the last 33 games. He has recorded a hit in 28 games during that stretch.

TEXAS A&M HEAD COACH ROB CHILDRESS

Opening Statement ...

"Very proud of our toughness this game. Giving up five runs in the third inning all with two outs and being able to overcome that was big. I couldn't say enough about our guys for staying in the game. And then we were able to have a five run inning of our own later in the game.

On what you learned about your team today...

"It's important to see how we handled today. We've been in those situations in the season, and we will be later on in the season. Having something recent to draw back on should help us in the long run. It's important for our guys to know that they can come back against a really good team, like Ole Miss, is something we'll carry with us through the rest of the season."

On the format of the tournament...

"I love it because it gets twelve teams in the conference tournament."

On Ole Miss...

"They've got a lot of good experience in the their lineup, a lot of SEC at-bats. You can't hide their experience; they're hard to put away. They had a great week offensively this week, and they will leave here feeling great about playing in a regional next weekend. They're a potential national seed, and they will be very deserving if they should get it. They have good pitching and hitting, but their experience is what separates them."

AUSTIN HOMAN, SS

On getting to tomorrow's championship game ...

"It means a lot, especially after dropping the first game of the tournament, it was a tough loss. Coming back and beating Vanderbilt, and then beating Ole Miss it was big."

On Ole Miss scoring five runs in the third

"I knew that we were going to bounce back. Our pitching staff if to deep, and I knew we could hit the ball into some holes."

WALKER PENNINGTON, DH

On getting to tomorrow's championship game...

"We didn't come here just to have fun, we came here to win a championship. That's what we play for at Texas A&M. We played a great game today, and it was nice to see that in this type of environment we were able to come back and get a win like that."

On Ole Miss scoring five runs in the third...

"Ole Miss has a scary lineup, but we knew that if we could get a reliever to come in and get some holds out offense would step in and take care of things. Our bullpen came in and pitched their hearts out which gave us a chance."

OLE MISS HEAD COACH MIKE BIANCO

Opening Statement ...

Just an incredible college baseball game. If you thought for a second that the games didn't matter, you were certainly wrong. I thought both teams played their hearts out today. Although we didn't play the cleanest game, I was proud of our guys and proud of how we played the whole week. What happened in the 8th (inning) hasn't happened all year. I don't know what the stats are, but we are something like 37-0 when leading after the 6th (inning). It was a tough one to swallow. I thought (Chad) Smith gave us a great effort. Super proud of Dallas (Woolfolk) coming in that atmosphere with so much on the line. I've said a few times this week that it's a very humbling league, and A&M is so, so good. We left the door open a bit, and they ran through it."

On how much a national seed matters...

"I think it matters for everybody. I think that's why it's such a big deal. When you play at home you have a better shot. We are not one of the (committee members) in Indianapolis. What would be a shame is if they don't pick the 16 (regional) sites and eight national seeds on the merit. Whatever the metrics are, from RPI to record and all the things they look at for everybody, that they would look at our conference the same way, and the ACC. If they are looking at 'how many teams are from this league?' they don't do that in basketball. They pick the best teams. I don't know why it's a conversation. It shouldn't be. There are years the SEC is really good and have a lot of teams. And there are years we are not as good and another conference has more teams. That's, I think, what everybody is talking about. If you look on paper, our resume is really good. If you don't put a name on it or what league, and you just look at the numbers, we might get five or six (national seeds) in this league. What is that so wrong? I don't understand why that's so wrong. Look at everything for all the teams. It's amazing to me when you look at some of the teams, not just for sites, when you look at just to get in, other teams have a 50 RPI people say they are on the bubble, and when you have a 50 RPI in the SEC you have no chance. I don't know why there are two different criteria. My hope is that the people in Indianapolis look at it that way. They try to take the best 64, then the best 16 then the best eight. That's how it is supposed to be done and that is the fairest."

On the loss despite a good offensive performance...

"One of the things is we didn't get the extra base hits today. There were a lot of singles out there. It's hard to criticize the offense. I think we had 17 hits. With 17 hits you're supposed to win. It would have been nice to get a couple more timely hits or a double. I thought we had great at-bats. I thought our kids were terrific offensively. I thought we were great on the bases and taking the extra base."

ERROL ROBINSON, SS

On gaining wins in the SEC Tournament...

"I think it's a momentum shift. Coming out hot with three games was big for us, especially after the A&M (series) and how that finished out. Also, getting the win in that third game against A&M was the beginning of this turnaround. Right now is the time for us to use this momentum going into the regional."

On if team should be a national seed...

"I'm not in the room with the guys who decide all that mess. I think we deserve one. It would be nice to have a national seed and have our fans behind us at home. I'm more proud of our team and the name we put for ourselves going into the back-half of the season."

On Wyatt Short...

"People notice he struggled because of how good he is. Every time he goes out there, he gives us the best chance. I wouldn't call it a struggle. It's baseball, sometimes things don't go our way. We weren't as clean as we usually are. Wyatt is a guy who we trust. He is going to go out there Friday night in the regional in Oxford and get the job done for us. We trust him 100 percent."

DALLAS WOOLFOLK, P

On his performance and depth of staff in a long week...

"Having the day off helped the pitchers get rested. I tried to go out there and give my defense and my team to make good plays, and fill up the strike zone."