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| CHAMPIONSHIP GAME | TEXAS A&M 12, FLORIDA 5 | NOTES AND QUOTES |

TEXAS A&M POST-GAME NOTES

- SEC Tournament MVP Nick Banks is the second player to hit two home runs in the SEC championship game, joining Russ Johnson of LSU, who homered twice vs. Mississippi State in 1993.
- J.B. Moss set a championship game record with five RBIs, breaking the old mark of four held by four players. The last with four RBIs in a championship game was LSU's Wally Pontiff in 2000.
- Texas A&M's 12 runs are the most in the championship game since 1997 when Alabama beat LSU 12-2.
- The 17 runs in today's game are the most in the championship game since LSU beat Florida 11-6 in 2000.
- Today was the 14th game against a Top 10 opponent in the last 15 games for Texas A&M. The Aggies are 10-4 in those games.
- Andrew Vinson threw three hitless innings with five strikeouts to end the game in his 102nd career appearance, putting him one behind Kyle Thebeau (2006-09) for the Texas A&M career record for appearances.
- Texas A&M is 8-5 all-time in the SEC Tournament. Today was the Aggies' first appearance in the championship game. Texas A&M is 2-0 all-time in the tournament vs. Florida.
- Texas A&M's 15 hits today are the most the Aggies have had in an SEC Tournament game, topping the 14 hits the Aggies had vs. Vanderbilt earlier this week.
- Texas A&M led the field with a .328 batting average in the tournament and also led in runs (46), hits (58), doubles (12) and tied for the lead with four home runs.
- Austin Homan had the most hits of any player in the SEC Tournament with 10 and the most RBI with nine while Nick Banks led in runs scored (8) and home runs (3).
- Michael Barash (1-for-4) extended his hitting streak to a career-best 11 games.

FLORIDA POST-GAME NOTES

- Today's matchup marks the 500th game in the 40th year of the SEC Tournament.
- Florida fell to 65-61 overall in the SEC Tournament; against the Aggies, the Gators fell to 5-10 overall.
- Florida made its 14th appearance in the SEC Tournament Championship and is now 7-7
- Freshman right fielder Nelson Maldonado earned his 13th multi-hit game as he went 2-for-3.
- When leading after four, the Gators fell to 33-4.
- Freshman outfielder Danny Reyes has totaled six hits and four RBI five outings in the tournament; Reyes has three multi-hit games in the season, all three coming in the SEC Tournament (2 vs. Mississippi State, 2 vs. Alabama).
- Florida's bullpen gave up 14 hits, tying a season high (Mississippi State, April 9) – the most hits given up in a 9-inning game since it allowed 20 at No. 19 Kentucky on April 4, 2014.
- Florida gave up 12 runs, the most in 2016. The Aggies' 12 runs are the most scored since No. 10 Vanderbilt put up 16 on the Gators (May 10, 2016).

TEXAS A&M HEAD COACH ROB CHILDRESS

Opening Statement ...

"I couldn't be more proud of our team and the road that we took this week after losing to Vanderbilt in game one. We had to find a way to win the next game and get rolling offensively the rest of the week and continuing that today. I couldn't be more proud of the group of seniors and the leadership that we have. We got a lot of bruises and scars trying to figure out what it takes to compete at this level. It's nice that they got to dog pile their team at the end of the day."

On pitching in the game...

"We really needed a great start out of Turner (Larkins) and we got a fabulous start out of him. I thought he controlled the emotions of the game. I think he would have stayed longer had we played defense behind him. I couldn't be more proud of him. Turner getting a great start on the mound was most important."

On Vinson shutting down the game...

"We didn't want to use Andrew (Vinson) for more than six outs but the game needed nine from him. Andrew coming in was huge for us."

ANDREW VINSON, OF

On arm pitching today...

"It was pretty numb. I didn't really feel it at all once the adrenaline kicked in."

NICK BANKS, OF

On feeling going into the eighth inning...

"It wasn't for sure yet. Baseball is a weird sport and you can come back. It helps when you get some insurance runs like that against a great team like Florida. You never know what's going to happen."

On hitting second homerun...

"I got a middle end change up. I saw a couple of change ups that bat before and I was out in front of them. It was the first pitch I saw at my next at bat against him so I just tried to put a good swing on it."

J.B. MOSS, OF

On getting hitting going...

"I think the last three opponents that we've faced have had really good pitching. Coach tells us before the game that it's going to take one through nine in the line up. When we're able to stay committed one through nine we're able to show that we have the best offense in the country."

FLORIDA HEAD COACH KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

Opening Statement ...

"Congratulate Texas A&M. They played pretty well, especially in the seventh and eighth inning offensively. They had a similar week to us where they lost the first one and had to grind through it. They certainly earned it today. As far as our team is concerned, I thought we played really hard. We had some young pitchers out there in the seventh and eighth. It was good experience for them, but we kind of let it get away from us pitching wise. For us, we had a great week. There are a lot of things to pull from this week. We're looking forward to getting back to Gainesville and getting to play next week. Looking forward to it."

On the teams' preparation for a regional...

"I like you can tell by their response that they are a very competitive group, and they wanted to win today. They are disappointed right now. In the grand scheme of things, we have been on the road four of the last five weeks. It will be good to get home and get our legs back underneath us. We're looking forward to next week. That's when the real stuff starts. We have had a good year up to this point. We won 47 games, and I think RPI is up to No. 1. We have had a lot of expectations throughout the year. I think we have answered the bell so to speak. I'm proud of my team and the way they battled. Texas A&M took it to us in the seventh and eighth inning there. They are a very good offensive team, we just kind of ran out of pitching. We'll regroup and get ready to play next Friday."

On offensive production from Nelson Maldonado and Danny Reyes...

"We played four freshmen in the lineup most of the week. I think (Nelson) had some good at-bats. Danny Reyes was a nice spark for us. We had a really good offensive week with our freshmen. We're talented, but we are very young too. Every time we take the field it is a new learning experience for our players. I think this week, there is a lot to learn. I think our young players grew up quite a bit this week."

On getting to the championship game after playing late in their first game...

"It says everything about the character of our team. Coming in, I don't know what more wins would have done for us with our resume. They came back and battled. That was a tough night. There were a lot of opportunities to score the winning run being the home team versus LSU. It was a little bit frustrating. They were tired with not much sleep. They battled through that game, and I think they had a heck of a week. At the end of the day, I'm proud of the way they played and I'm looking forward to next week."

MIKE RIVERA, C

On preparation for a regional...

"There are a lot of positives to this. We lost the first game, but I like the way we came back. We also got a lot of young players in today. They showed what they can do. We're going to take that along to the next step and see what happens from there."

J.J. SCHWARZ, 1B

On preparation for a regional...

"Losing sucks. Today wasn't our brightest moment, but the whole week I thought we played really well. I thought it was good for us to swing the bats the way we did this week going into regionals."