

# 2018 SEC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT MAY 22-27 | HOOVER METROPOLITAN STADIUM | HOOVER, ALA.

## | GAME 2 | AUBURN 4, KENTUCKY 3 (11) | NOTES AND QUOTES |

## **AUBURN POST-GAME NOTES**

- Auburn improved to 38-19 on the season, 80-45 against Kentucky all-time, 4-0 against Kentucky in the SEC Tournament and 33-46 against all opponents in the SEC Tournament.
- The Tigers improved to an astounding 19-3 when scoring in the first inning this season and earned the first extra-inning victory under Butch Thompson (1-7).
- Lead-off Tiger Will Holland notched his 11th home run on the year to open the bottom of the first inning. Auburn has homered in 12 of its last 14 games, and totals 23 in that span. Holland now stands in a four-way SEC tie for fifth place in runs scored.
- Davis Daniel gave up just two runs his 5.1 innings pitched and tossed 6-plus strikeouts for the second time on the year.
- Jay Estes (2), Brett Wright (2) and Josh Anthony (2) each earned multi-hit outings. Estes' 20<sup>th</sup> multi-hit contest on the season is the second-most on the Auburn roster.
- Cody Greenhill recorded his fourth win on the season. In 3.0 innings pitched, he struck out two, while giving up zero runs, errors or walks. Greenhill's conclusion advances the Tigers past the first round of play for the second-straight season.
- Edouard Julien knocked a walk-off single to advance the Tigers past the first round of play, as he
  jumped to first in SEC RBIs. The last time the Tigers won in walk-off fashion was February 20,
  2018. March 7, 2015 was the last time Auburn won in extra innings.
- This was the first walk-off win for Auburn in the SEC Tournament since 1999 against Arkansas, also in 11 innings. The Tigers now have five walk-off wins in the tournament.

## **AUBURN ASSISTANT COACH STEVE SMITH**

Opening Statement ...

"It is great to play a highly competitive game. It was an important game on both sides, especially to Kentucky and how they played the game. I thought Sean Hjelle, I mean, you cannot beat that. He was that good. College baseball doesn't have a nice turn around on four days or whatever he said he pitched. On our side, there was Davis Daniel, who did everything he needed to do. We were on a critical line with Hjelle coming out, and Davis (Daniel) just took the ball and got after it. Tough innings and passed the time. But, Cottom, if they want to run the game, then he is the one to do it, and he was up to the plate. He got the hit but fortunately it worked for us and told a story. I think all of the guys that stood out were just really playing their best baseball."

## **AUBURN SS WILL HOLLAND**

On his homerun at the first at bat . . .

"I tried to push it to come out really good and it worked out for us and allowed us to tie the game."

On the last run of the game coming from a freshman . . .

"It was big time. He (Edouard Julien) really stepped up. (Edouard Julien) struggled with hitting this year, and he hit right into it. He saw some pitches at a full count and ran it to a full count, and I was hoping he would come out and get the job done for us but it was big time."

## **AUBURN P DAVIS DANIEL**

On adapting to the bullpen role . . .

" It has been a lot of fun. Coming in and you think you are running out of time. You have to pace yourself. It is just going out there and trying to make them have a challenging at bat. It worked for us today."