



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

| GAME 6 | AUBURN 9, OLE MISS 3 | NOTES AND QUOTES |

AUBURN POST-GAME NOTES

- Auburn owns a 34-46 all-time mark in the SEC Tournament following today's win, its second in as many days in Hoover (4-3 vs. Kentucky on Tuesday).
- The Tigers are now 4-1 all-time against the Rebels in the tournament.
- AU is now 31-1 on the season when leading after seven.
- The Tigers also improved their mark to 30-1 in 2018 when scoring five or more runs.
- Auburn's run total was pushed past five thanks to their four-run ninth inning. That big inning (four runs or more) was the Tigers' 35th of the season. When AU records four runs or more in a frame, their record sits at a perfect 23-0.
- All four of Auburn's runs in the ninth came with two outs, pushing the team total to 165 runs scored with two outs this season.
- Auburn also improved to 31-0 when outhitting their opponents.
- Tanner Burns matched his career long for innings pitched with 7.0 frames. He had accomplished the feat on two other occasions this season, most recently against Alabama on April 21.
- Burns set a new career-high mark for pitches with 105, surpassing the previous total of 99 which he had in that same start against Alabama.
- Josh Anthony's single to left-center in the top of the sixth broke up Ole Miss starter Ryan Rolison's no-hit bid. The Tigers were held without a hit through the first 5.1 innings.
- Auburn has homered in 13 of its last 15 games and has totaled 24 during that span.
- Julien recorded his 15th home run of the season, a grand slam. The grand slam also increased his team-leading RBI total to 62.
- The four-RBI effort from Julien was his 16th multi-RBI outing this season, a total that leads AU.
- Jay Estes finished 2-for-4 on the day and has now recorded at least one hit in 18 of his last 20 games, including 12 multi-hit efforts during that stretch. In the 20 games, he is batting .415 (34-82) with eight doubles, 11 RBI and 19 runs.
- Will Holland's 1-for-5 afternoon extended his hitting streak to seven games.

AUBURN COACH BUTCH THOMPSON

Opening Statement . . .

"We respect Ole miss so much after playing them at their place this year. It was a great opportunity for us to get to play them in this tournament. They have a great lineup, and I thought our guys did a great job. I thought it was a great bounce back for Tanner (Burns) who only went 2/3 innings in his start in Oxford. For him to come back the way he did, I respect that. That was the first thing Coach Bianco said and I couldn't agree more. Ryan (Rolison) is one of the best pitchers in the SEC. We have seen him twice in a short period of time. I thought he threw the ball well. I didn't think we played a great baseball game. I didn't think we were making the routine plays. We had a couple of bunt situations that I thought we could have done a couple of more things sound. What I take away is that our team is competing for our coaching staff, for Auburn and I couldn't be happier for that. I thought we chipped away at some really good at bats. Edouard (Julien)'s last swing of the bat was great. Great ballgame."

On Ryan Rolison and Tanner Burns ...

"Both guys have an unbelievable future in baseball. I think Tanner is still developing and trying to become more efficient. Tanner is trying to find his stuff every time he walks out there. Every time he is taking the mound he is learning something. Ryan executed a plan and knew exactly what he was doing today. Ryan is left handed, experienced. His velocity and secondary stuff is the compete package. I had him a couple of times with USA. I feel like I know him more than just competing against him. I have gotten a glimpse behind the veil of what kind of young man he is. To me, I see the complete package. He was really good

today. That is where I give my team credit. Will (Holland) is playing as good as anybody in America right now. For us to go down 2-0 and Tanner is throwing so good, our team really hung in there. I think Tanner is really exciting for me and Auburn fans.”

On continuing SEC Tournament play Thursday . . .

“There’s no question we’ve got a tough team. Every team you’re gonna play in this tournament is going to be a really good team. So, we’ll just figure out who we’re playing, but we have to be aggressive. Chase Adkins is going to get the start. We have to play defense behind him, we’ve got to have better at-bats and just overall play better baseball. We didn’t play our best baseball today and a lot had to do with Texas A&M. Texas A&M was really good today, and they deserve a lot of credit.”

AUBURN DH EDOUARD JULIEN

On performance in first SEC Tournament . . .

“I came here wanting to help the team win. Coming here is really huge for us. All of my life I have dreamed to play college baseball, and to be here with Auburn and to win two games is big for me.”

On performance prior to tournament . . .

“We all know have been struggling lately. I try to have a short memory and forget about everything that I have done before. That is what I did today. I just wanted to go out today and compete. That is what me and Conner (Davis) did. I was glad that Conner did it too. That was a huge help for us.”

AUBURN P TANNER BURNS

On mindset going into game . . .

“My last outing was not too hot. That was kind of in the back of my mind in the bullpen. My job today was to get us in the dugout as quick as I could. I feel like we did that.”

On performance . . .

“I feel like I had a good fastball command. That is one thing you have to have. I feel like I had good stuff. I threw some change-ups here and there. I feel like that kept them off balance. My breaking ball was on. Having those three pitches, I felt like had me very successful in the game.”