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| GAME 13 | OLE MISS 7, AUBURN 0 | NOTES AND QUOTES |

OLE MISS POST-GAME NOTES

- Ole Miss improved to 12–14 since 2000 in SEC Tournament elimination games.
- Ole Miss improved to 44-15 overall on the season, 89-86-1 against Auburn all-time, 2-4 against the Tigers in the SEC Tournament and 33-32 all-time in the SEC Tournament.
- Will Golsan extended his hitting streak to six games. Golsan has at least one hit in 11 of his last 12 games.
- Tonight was Cole Zabowski's 16th multi-hit game of the season.
- Since March 15, 2014, Ole Miss is 158-1 when leading going into the ninth inning. The Rebels also improved to 42-0 this season when leading after eight innings.
- Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco improved to 26-26 in the SEC Tournament, which makes him the sixth-winningest head coach in SEC Tournament history.
- Ole Miss improved to 36-12 this season when hitting at least one home run in a game.
- Tonight's game was the first time Ole Miss has shut out its opponent since April 4, 2018, when it beat Memphis 12-0.
- Ole Miss improved to 7-2 this season when wearing red jerseys.

OLE MISS COACH MIKE BIANCO

Opening Statement ...

"I just thought we played really well today. It starts on the mound, and I thought James was sensational against a very good Auburn lineup. Obviously one that we had a lot of trouble with on Wednesday. He was able to tough through the first but he fights through and was able to get a really good defensive play by Grey to help us get off the field. After that he was really able to locate his fast ball on both sides of the plate. Of course, Max, I thought, was terrific. Pitched well, got us off the field there. We talk a lot. One of the reasons our offense is so good is because it comes from a lot of different parts of the lineup. Today it was no different. In three, four and five we get some big RBIs, Cole being one of the guys. Then in seven, eight and nine we get RBIs and two home runs. One from the eight hole and one from the nine hole. Throughout the lineup, once again it is just so difficult on this field every year, but even more so I think this year because there has been so much rain. This is the second day in a row where we have had to sit for a couple of hours. Our guys have been able to come back after that and play well so I'm proud of them."

On his team's relentlessness ...

"It is not always easy. Our guys hang in there and compete. Like I said, it comes from a lot of different people. It makes it easier to be consistent day to day."

On pitching for Saturday ...

"Jordan Fowler will start. That is the easy and obvious choice for me. He is the fourth guy and has been that mid-week guy for us all year long. One of the reasons we are sitting where we are as far as record is because we have been able to win the mid-week games. He has been the guy who has started for us most of those games."

OLE MISS IF COLE ZABOWSKI

On his catch ...

"I think it took my full body. It comes on a philosophy that we live by which is to win every pitch. That pitch I was locked in because I was trying to win every pitch for the rest of the team. I was able to make a good play."

On C Nick Fortes ...

"When Nick is hitting the offense comes around. We have guys all throughout the lineup that get the job done, but Nick is a big leader in our lineup. When he gets it done people follow."

OLE MISS RHP JAMES MCARTHUR

On rain delays ...

"It gets a little boring. We played 20 questions or just tried to sit around and kill time. There was a lot of good fellowship and some funny stuff."