



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

### | GAME 15 | OLE MISS 2, TEXAS A&M 1 | NOTES AND QUOTES |

#### OLE MISS POST-GAME NOTES

- In its fifth semifinal victory of all time, Ole Miss improved to 44-15 on the season, 14-11 against Texas A&M and 36-38 in SEC Tournament play.
- In the top of the fifth, Ole Miss turned the 35<sup>th</sup> double play of the SEC Tournament, a tournament record. Ole Miss turned two double plays in today's contest, totaling 41 on the year as a team.
- The Rebels showed defensive prowess by leading off 7-of-9 innings with an out and keeping the Aggies off the board until the eighth.
- Jordan Fowler (7-0) remains undefeated on the year. In his 6.0 innings pitched, Fowler kept the Aggies off the board and allowed only six hits and one walk.
- Nick Fortes (2) and Will Golsan (3) each earned their 17<sup>th</sup> multi-hit games on the season. Golsan extended his current hitting streak to seven games and extended his reached base streak to 13 games. Golsan holds the longest active streaks in each category for the Rebels.
- Ole Miss shined offensively as it earned a hit in 7-of-9 innings. The Rebels led-off 6-of-9 innings by reaching a base. The squad improves to 29-5 when outhitting its opponent. The Rebels outhit the Aggies, 10-8.
- Thomas Dillard is now tied with UGA's Keegan McGovern for runs scored (63) in the SEC.
- The Rebels will advance to Championship Sunday for the first time since 2008.

#### OLE MISS COACH MIKE BIANCO

##### *Opening Statement . . .*

"Sometimes I think you don't look at it the same way because you're in it, but it had to be a heck of a game to watch, and certainly the story for us was Jordan and how well he pitched against a really good team in Texas A&M. And then, of course, Will (Etheridge) to finish it off. Kilkenney, he's tough. It's just hard to scratch much against him, but we were able to put one inning together and another where Fortes, Dillard, (Zabowski) and Golson were able to get some hits and get runners across, but besides that, certainly some great defense for us."

##### *On what Nick Fortes adds to the lineup in the three spot . . .*

"I think he's the most underrated hitter in the Southeastern Conference. We can really hit as an offense, and he's batted third I think every single game. He went to two when we move (Olenek), we had to do that, (Olenek) was hitting .700. But, he's so good cause he can do a lot of things. He can hit the ball the other way, he can handle the breaking ball, he gets to everybody's fastball. If you don't pitch to him he will walk, he doesn't chase pitches out of the zone."

#### OLE MISS 3B BASEMAN RYAN OLENEK

##### *On Jordan Fowler's performance on the mound...*

"He was just filling up the zone all day, and he was throwing every pitch right where he wanted to and it makes it really easy on your defense to stay locked in and not get behind in counts. It was fun to watch."

#### OLE MISS P JORDAN FOWLER

##### *On approach on the mound...*

"My approach was just basically to be confident and trust my stuff, and I believe that I know that this is what I'm supposed to be doing and prove that I can do it."