



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

### | CHAMPIONSHIP GAME | OLE MISS 9, LSU 1 | NOTES AND QUOTES |

#### OLE MISS POST-GAME NOTES

- Ole Miss claimed its third SEC Tournament title, its first since 2006, and improved to 3-2 in the SEC Tournament Championship Game.
- The Rebels remain undefeated (8-0) in 2018 starts by Houston Roth. Roth went just under the minimum, lasting 4.1 innings, allowing just one run and striking out four batters.
- Ole Miss had the lead-off base runner on in each of the first four innings and in six innings total, while having a base runner on in seven of the nine innings. Rebel batters also reached base 20 times in 46 plate appearances in the championship game. For the tournament, the Rebels had the lead-off runner on in 55 percent of its innings, and a base runner on in 72 percent.
- Ole Miss improved to a dominant 43-0 when leading after seven innings.
- Rebel batters faced off against LSU pitcher Caleb Gilbert for the second time this season and teed off for three runs on nine hits. In 2018, Ole Miss is 14-for-35 (.400) against Gilbert in 7.1 innings, good for eight runs.
- Nick Fortes collected his first-career, four-hit game. Fortes finished the tournament batting 10-for-18 (.556) with two RBIs, four runs scored and two stolen bases.
- After going 3-for-4 with two RBIs in the championship game, Will Golsan improved to 10-for-21 (.476) with three RBIs and three runs scored for the tournament. Golsan also extended his reached-base streak to 14 games.
- Fortes and Golsan each collected 10 hits for the tournament, which ties for first in the category with LSU's Antoine Duplantis, who Ole Miss pitchers held to just one hit Sunday.
- Ryan Rolison earned his ninth win of the season, which is tied for third in the SEC, after pitching 2.0 innings in his only relief appearance of 2018.
- In the eighth inning, Michael Fitzsimmons hit the first pinch-hit home in an SEC Tournament game run since Missouri's Nelson Mompierre did so in consecutive games May 24-25, 2017.

#### OLE MISS COACH MIKE BIANCO

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

"I'm really proud of our guys. I thought we played terrifically today. But really all week long, except for maybe three innings on Wednesday. There are so many great teams in this tournament, and I thought our guys did really well."

##### *On bringing in Rolison out of the bullpen . . .*

"I wanted him to be mentally prepared. The question mark was just how he really felt because today is normally just a bullpen day for him. As important as this was, you wouldn't want to jeopardize next week."

##### *On looking towards the postseason . . .*

"I think we know we are good and can play well. But this is a crazy game, and it has more to do with how well you play versus how much talent you have."

#### OLE MISS P RYAN ROLISON

##### *On coming out of the bullpen today . . .*

"I had a conversation with coach (Bianco), and I told him that I was ready to go. It's easy to go out there and fill up the zone when you've got 15 hits and nine runs on the board."

**OLE MISS C NICK FORTES**

*On his day at the plate . . .*

"I was just going up there with the same approach in every at-bat and just trying to do my job in the lineup which is to drive guys in and keep it moving."