



2019 SEC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
MAY 21-26 | HOOVER METROPOLITAN STADIUM | HOOVER, ALA.

GAME 8 | Mississippi State 6, LSU 5 | NOTES AND QUOTES

POST-GAME NOTES

- Mississippi State is now 81-60 all-time in SEC Tournament games.
- The Bulldogs also hold a 214-186-1 lead in the 401-game series with LSU.
- Mississippi State is now 10-9 all-time against LSU in the Tournament.
- The Bulldogs moved to 2-1 in extra-innings during the 2019 campaign.
- Brandon Smith set new season-best marks in tonight's start. Smith's innings pitched (4.1) and pitches (72) were both season-high totals for the freshman. His previous highs (4.0) and (53) came earlier this season against Arkansas-Little Rock on March 19.
- Smith also matched his high for strikeouts with five. He also had five punchouts in that matchup with UALR.
- Cole Gordon's eight strikeouts are a new season-high total. His previous high for strikeouts this season was four, which he had accomplished twice, most recently against East Carolina on March 5.
- Gordon's 5.0 frames of work are also a season-high mark. His previous best for innings pitched in 2019 was 3.0 against Auburn on March 24.
- Jake Mangum's start tonight was the 252nd game played during his MSU career, moving him into sole possession of first place on Mississippi State's all-time games played list.
- The two hits for Mangum moved him into sixth place on the NCAA career hits list with 372.
- Mangum's double was the 70th of his career, moving him into a tie for sixth place on the SEC career doubles list. He is now tied with Preston Tucker of Florida (2009-12).
- With his one run scored tonight, Mangum is now in sole possession of fifth place on the State career runs scored list with 220.
- Tanner Allen has now reached base safely in his last 11 games.
- Joining Allen is Luke Hancock, who has also reached safely in his last 11 contests.
- Rowdey Jordan's 3-for-8 effort moved his hit streak to seven games.
- Jordan Westburg finished at 1-for-8 and has now recorded a hit in his last five games.
- Justin Foscue's hitting streak came to an end at seven games.

Mississippi State Coach Chris Lemonis

Opening Statement ...

"Crazy game. I thought we took control early in that game, but we lost momentum. They had a big hit there late in that game and it ended up being gridlocked most of the night. Proud of our guys to keep fighting especially when we lost the lead. I don't even know what inning it was in, but for us to keep fighting back and for us to get the two innings there. I thought we had some great pitching performances from Brandon Smith and Cole Gordon and Keegan James. I just thought we had some guys really come out there and compete, and tip your hat to LSU. It was a great college baseball game."



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- The 17-inning affair between the Bulldogs and the Tigers, which went on for six hours, 43 minutes, is the longest game in SEC Tournament history.
- LSU handed Mississippi State one of its two conference-series losses on the 2019 season, March 28-20. The Tigers outscored the Bulldogs, 26-13, in the three-game contest at Dudy Noble Field.
- The nightcap contest between Miss. St. and LSU marks the 19th SEC Tournament meeting between the schools.
- LSU now trails the Bulldogs, 206-189-1 in the all-time series. Even with the loss, the Tigers have remained victorious for 12 of the last 15 matchups between the schools.
- The Tigers and the Bulldogs last SEC Tournament meeting came in the form of a first-round contest last year in Hoover when LSU won., 8-5.
- LSU has a league-best 86-43 all-time record in SEC Tournament history.
- LSU owns a conference-high 12 tournament titles with Alabama and Mississippi State tied for second behind the Tigers.

LSU Coach Paul Mainieri

Opening Statement ...

"It's kind of hard to put into words what we just went through. One of the more memorable days of my coaching career and probably in LSU baseball history to play 17 innings and have a chance to win it and then not be able to hold the lead. It's just a shame either team had to lose. Neither team wanted to lose. I had a lot of guys that were out there putting it all out on the field. They laid it all out on the line. One guy after another. Matthew Beck, Zack Hess, Ma'Khail Hilliard. What more could they do? They gave everything they had tonight. A lot of guys did, and it's just unfortunate that we couldn't hold onto the lead and find a way to win at the end, but it was an amazing night. That's for sure."

On the team's exhaustion and playing another game...

"Pretty tired. Yeah, pretty tired. How long was the game? Well, I'm dead. So we're going to try to get a couple hours of sleep and get back out here. One o'clock game tomorrow.

On being ready for the game against Auburn...

"I don't have any choice. They're not going to cancel the game tomorrow, so better get home and get some sleep and get back out here and give it everything we've got again."

On the difficulty of this loss...

"It hurts. It's a tough loss. It's not the end-of-the-season tough loss. Obviously, the kids gave it everything they had. They wanted to win so badly, and when they give everything they've got like that and come up short, it's a tough pill to swallow. Somebody had to lose, and their kids wanted to win as badly as we did. It's a shame that we just couldn't hold onto the lead there when we finally got it."