



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

GAME 12 | Vanderbilt 1, Mississippi State 0 | NOTES AND QUOTES

POST-GAME NOTES

- Vanderbilt is now 49-37 overall at the SEC Tournament following its win against Mississippi State.
- The back-to-back wins to start this year's tournament mark the first time Vandy has won consecutive games in Hoover since 2016. In that 2016 season, the Commodores started out 2-0 before losing the next two games.
- Vandy's win moves the 'Dores to 3-4 all-time against MSU in the tournament.
- The series between Vanderbilt and Mississippi State is now at 49-69-1.
- The Commodores have won 20 of their last 21 games overall.
- Vanderbilt pitched its fifth shutout of the season and third against an SEC opponent.
- After taking the lead in the second, the Vanderbilt pitchers stranded the tying and/or go-ahead run in all but the ninth inning.
- Drake Fellows tossed 6.0 scoreless innings and has now allowed two runs or fewer in seven of his last 11 starts. The junior has also worked 5.0-plus frames in 13 of his last 14 starts.
- Fellows finished with eight strikeouts tonight and has fanned seven or more batters in eight of his last 14 starts.
- With his 6.0 innings pitched, Fellows reached the 250.0 career innings pitched marker.
- Tonight's win for Fellows moves him to a perfect 11-0 and places him in sole possession of the SEC lead for wins in 2019.
- Tyler Brown picked up his SEC-leading 14th save of the season.
- JJ Bleday's walk moved his streak to 37 consecutive games in which he has reached base safely.
- Bleday's hitting streak came to an end at 12 games.
- Casey Martin has reached base safely in his last 25 games with his pair of walks tonight.

Vanderbilt Coach Tim Corbin

Opening Statement ...

"It was just two guys that were competing (Ethan Small and Drake Fellows) very well, throwing a lot of strikes, and weren't going to get beaten. The level of focus for both of those kids was outstanding. I mean when you get in a situation like that you can feel that you're in a good game. They both attacked the hitters in a way that was difficult."

On Julian Infante's RBI ...

"I'm happy for him. You know there were some balls hit hard that were caught. He just fought off a pitch and you know at this point that's really all that matters. You had to score one. Runners were very expensive tonight and he got the job done."



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- Tonight's loss drops Mississippi State to 81-61 all-time in the SEC Tournament.
- The Bulldogs' are now 69-49-1 against Vanderbilt.
- Mississippi State is now 4-3 all-time against Vanderbilt in the tournament.
- Jake Mangum's four at bats tonight (1,036) move him past Florida's Preston Tucker for the most in SEC history.
- Ethan Small's 11 strikeouts tonight give him 150 in 2019, moving him past three former Bulldog pitchers and into second on MSU's single season K list.
- Tonight marked Small's 11th career double digit strikeout game.
- Tanner Allen has now reached base safely in his last 12 games.
- Joining Allen is Luke Hancock, who has also reached safely in his last 12 contests.
- Tanner Allen's 22nd double of the season gives him sole possession of the team lead
- Mississippi State was shut out for only the third time this season.

Mississippi State Coach Chris Lemonis

Opening Statement ...

"You've just got to realize we're facing a lot of power arms too. I mean their guy was really good tonight. Then they come out of the bullpen with some really good power arms, and we faced power arms at the end of last night's game. A little frustration maybe out of the offense, but they're competing. I thought we did a great job with the strike zone. We got him out in the sixth but just not getting that big hit right now."