



Oklahoma Sooner Quotes

#2 Vanderbilt 5, #3 Oklahoma 8

Head Coach Sunny Galloway

On the resilience of the team:

“I think that in a lot ways in the Big 12 tournament we started out with a hard fought victory. Texas A&M, our number one seed, had a tremendous team. It was going to take a great effort. We had tremendous respect for our opponent today. Andrew Doyle has really done a good job for us as our No. 1 guy getting off to a good start. The other thing you think of when you talk about getting off to a good start is, we played the regular season with our back to the wall. We played against some very good top-ten teams. We faced two more top-ten opponents the in the first two rounds of the Big 12 tournament. Our backs have been to the wall quite a bit. We’ve talked to the club about handling pressure. I think these young men have faced adversity and have handled pressure extremely well. I’ve always said that, ‘baseball doesn’t build character, it reveals it’. The team is full of character. Our staff, our administration, the University of Oklahoma couldn’t be more proud of these guys going through ups and downs. You have that in baseball. They are responding extremely well and representing their institution extremely well.”

On team adjustments:

“We have had some ups and downs and all arounds this year, but we have made some adjustments. Brian Hernandez is playing terrific here and short [stop]. Matt Harugthy is playing terrific at third base. Casey Johnson is playing terrific. I could go on and on. Sometimes things take adjustments. It has taken awhile but our young men have stayed the course.”

On production from the bottom of the order:

“It has a lot to do with how we adjust our line-up. Aaron Baker was a guy who sat in the middle. He gives us a lot of strength down in the line-up. Casey Johnson, a freshman, is swinging well in a four hole. If you think about Harugthy and the way he is able to drive the ball. Harugthy is a quality hitter and he strengthens us one through nine. You really can’t take a hitter off in our line-up to understand we have strength in numbers.”

Pitcher Andrew Doyle

On pitching:

“I just went out there and used a three pitch mix and a change up. I used a slider and I was working off my fast ball. I just had my defense right behind me and they picked up a lot of ground balls. The offense got me an incredible lead where I could make some mistakes. Obviously in the seventh inning I made a big mistake. Chase [Anderson] came in and did a great job neutralizing the game. It was a really big win for us.”

3B Matt Harugthy

On addressing the doubters:

“Oklahoma has a great tradition and a lot of pride in this program. From the start of the season, we expected to be here. It is really no shock to us. There are people out there who might say otherwise but I mean we know we’re supposed to be here. We just want to play to the capability we can.”

2B Mike Gosse

On addressing the doubters:

“For people saying we can’t be here gives us a chip on our shoulders. It is just a lot more motivations.”

On picking up four runs in the sixth:

“We’re a really good hitting club. We are going to hit one through nine. It was very apparent today. It is pretty much expected of us every game. It is just another inning.”