

Texas Longhorns Head Baseball coach Auggie Garrido

Opening Statement

Extremely disappointing, but that's been our Friday several times this year. It's disappointing in the result, but the effort was there, and the will to win was there and I thought both teams played hard, played well. The separation was as a result of two strike hitting and two out hitting and the RBIs with runners in scoring position when we needed them. We got one out of the rally that we started early, with a base hit there with the bases loaded would've made a huge difference, but we didn't sustain it, but the fight was there. Proud of the team, I think they did a really great job battling to win the game and perform offensively and defensively and as a team, very proud of them. Disappointing, but not discouraging.

Why not bring Connor Mayes back for the 8th inning?

The left handed hitters and we felt Travis Duke would be a good choice. In hindsight it cost us a lot and he got behind on the second hitter as well, but he has been very good in those situations against left handed hitters. Kirby Bellow, excuse me.

Why is Kacy Clemens in the lineup over Michael Cantu?

There's nothing more to it than Cantu struggling offensively and isn't as good as a defensive first basemen as KC is. With Parker pitching we didn't want to give away any bases. Our infield has to be the best possible defense we can put out there.

Have you seen any catches better than the one Zane Gurwitz made?

Well, Collin Shaw is in the running for all that for sure, but we don't have a chance to make that play at home because the fence is so much higher, but that's as good as it gets at the time he made it especially. It picked us up and put us in a good position.

What was the conversation about the umpire during the bottom of the 8th inning?

I couldn't figure out, the gut that they substituted went to first base and then he came back and then I don't know what happened to him. Did he bat? Decided to hit? So is he reporting into first base or is he hitting, or what's he doing here? How can you do both? He (The umpire) said "well I don't know". Somebody's got to know.

Have you decided who is going to start on Saturday?

No, I have to talk about it with Skip, we had a lot of people in the bullpen. No, you're in a situation where you've got a five game journey ahead, four more games ahead of you. There's 16 of these tournaments going on, you'll see two or three teams that lose on the first day win, before it's over. It'll get done throughout the country; this might as well be one of them.

They are very well coached. I say that, because of the two strike adjustments they made, they hit with confidence with two strikes, they hit with confidence with runners in scoring position and they were satisfied to be themselves. They're not a power baseball team, they're an efficient baseball team based on quality at bats and pecking away at you until they score runs and that's there game, but they play it well.

They play it very well. The play the first basemen made on CJ (Hinojosa), the defensive play that was outstanding, the play at center field on Ben's (Johnson) ball was outstanding, so they're a defensive team that has been very well coached, very efficient in what they do, very confident in the kind of game they're going to play, and they play it well. They played it against an excellent pitcher today, Parker French.

Did the strike zone bother players?

I don't think so, I think it was the quality of the pitcher and I think our hitters were trying to get a sense of how he was going to pitch. From the second time around I think all of the hitters made good adjustments and took quality at bats. They just wanted to see what he was all about and what he's all about is very good.

Texas RHP Parker French

Despite grounders did you feel well?

I felt like my stuff was really good today. The best it's felt in a while. If you would've told me that there would've been one out in the air and the rest were on the ground or strikeouts I would've that we would've been successful today. That's just baseball. We didn't make any errors behind any plates, solid defense, they just had more balls find holes than we did.

On Oregon State matching the Longhorn's intensity:

I think we came out with a lot of good energy today. We faced a really good pitcher; we did a really good job of just grounding out at bats against him making it tough. For example Brooks got a big hit off him. So I think the energy was there, the attitude was there, the confidence was there. It's just baseball is a funny game sometime, it knocks you down when you play well and have the right attitude.

Talk about the rain fall and have you ever seen a helicopter over a baseball field before?

I think that's the first time I've seen a real helicopter in my entire life, but not to dry off a baseball field, no. That's just baseball, it's an outdoor sport. You've got to deal with weather. Things can be delayed, I've had a number of starts get pushed back to Saturday or weird stuff happening so you just got to roll with the punches and go out there and compete when it's time.

Have you seen any catches better than the one Zane Gurwitz made and how did it help momentum?

It definitely turned it around a little bit for us and it saved a run. To answer it is probably one of the best I've seen. Just the momentum change for us in the dugout kind of got hyped up a little bit and the homerun the next inning made everything feel like it was going our way and then the game of baseball can turn around and just punch you in the face, but it's how you react to it. I feel we played well enough to win today.

Texas INF Brooks Marlow

Did the hit feel reminiscent of last year's run and that things would come together and you all would find a way to win?

Yeah, just trying to get things started for this team. We've been through a lot all year long and to be able to bounce back after hitting the home run and get the momentum back a little bit, and then they found some holes in the eighth inning and you know it's baseball that's the way it's going to go.

How poor are the playing conditions in right field?

I guess you can see by Collin's (Shaw) uniform. It was pretty bad out there, but nobody better to have out there in that kind of stuff than Shaw. Nothing bothers him. It's a big affect outfield. You can't come in and throw people out because you have to get your feet underneath you. Balls wet, but Shaw fought it out. It's pretty wet out there.

How important is this next game, one last shot at Omaha?

I say all the games are important. Definitely for us it's win or go home, but we're not thinking about going home in our mind. We have the team, we have the pitching, we have the hitters, we have the defense to win this whole thing and proceed later in the season. We're going to come out, we're going to fight and give it everything we got and after the night inning and third out we'll see what happens.

Oregon State Beavers Head Baseball Coach Pat Casey

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Obviously very excited about winning, if you're a baseball fan that was 2 and half hours of entertainment, because that was a hell of a game. Every time they punched us I felt we responded, I felt both guys were good on the bump. You know we left some runners on base, but it's a good baseball team we beat and to come out with as many young kids that have never been in this environment it was a good win for us.

How big is winning this first game in a tournament format?

Obviously it gives you a little momentum and you're going to play a winner tomorrow and you're going to be playing a club who is in the same situation. Coming though the losers bracket would be much more difficult.

How did the younger players respond?

I thought they responded well, but we have to be better leaders as coaches and the older guys have to be better leaders. When you are running people out there and maybe it's there third trip to a regionals or one World Series obviously you have leadership who has been in that situation, but very few of these guys have played in that situation.

Oregon State OF Kyle Nobach

On the double what was going through your mind stepping to the plate?

Bailes (Coach Bailey) has the scouting reports, he just told me this guy throws a lot of sliders. He (J. McKenzie) threw me a big slider, it was a pretty good pitch so I figured he was coming with it again, he just left a little bit over the plate and I got there on it.

Mood of the team going into the bottom of the 8th inning?

We all came running in fired up. We were competing the whole game and we were having good at bats and putting runs on the board. Andrew competed for us and when he is on the mound there is definitely a different mood around the team, because he is out there battling and it rubs off on the other guys on the teams

How were the outfield conditions?

It was really wet. We were talking before the game, it's going to be wet, it's going to be slippery, and you just have to have a better attitude about it. I feel we had a great attitude about it. It didn't hurt us and it didn't really help us either

Oregon State IF/OF Billy King

How does it feel to work your way into rotation this year and playing at this point?

I feel it's more about the team, I just want the team to feel good about it because we all competed and worked out butts off to get here. It feels good to win as a team and not just necessarily do it myself. If it was somebody else who did it I would be just as happy.