

Opening Statement from Texas Head Coach Augie Garrido

“I think we just saw Dallas Baptist play an excellent baseball game. From every phase of it, they were terrific. We lost the game, but in reality they won the game. They did everything to win the game, and it was phenomenal. In the third inning, when they executed the show bunt and bounced a hit over the third baseman’s head, it was offensive perfection. The line drives they hit off quality pitching were timely, frequent with two outs and two strikes. So for me the story line is not about us, it is about Dallas Baptist and the great team they have and great game they played today. I will not say anything negative about our team, because it would take away from an outstanding performance by Dallas Baptist.”

What are emotions felt after a tournament-ending game?

Coach Garrido – “I can only speak for myself, but I am still in professional mode. It is just like you have extreme pain from a cut you don’t feel at first. After a while it starts to bleed, after a while it starts to hurt, but then eventually you recognize that you have another opportunity and it goes away. The pain goes away and it heals, and the wound is a scar now and it reminds you of the hard work you have to do in recruiting and team development. This year we went into the season with a lot of expectations as a result of the run we made right at the end last year finishing third. It encouraged and nurtured expectations and when we didn’t get what we wanted when we wanted it, and when we got beat up on; it cut us deeply. But they never lost confidence in themselves and I was able to say to them after the game, you know the difference between what it feels like to win and lose now. This is going to serve you well for the rest of your life, because it will. The pain that goes along with this will encourage you to move forward in whatever you choose to be, and you will want to win the game that you are in. So the life lesson at this point brings me satisfaction to be knowing that the players are going to be better people as a result of this.”

Remarks on Wall and his day?

Coach Garrido – “We knew he was a great hitter but he had a great day, as did the rest of the hitters. They all kind of seemed to wake up after Friday and got back within themselves. They have had a great year all year offensively, so we knew their lineup was potentially extremely potent.”

How do you fix going forward into next season an offense that produced 3 hits final game?

Coach Garrido – “I think you fix the offense by just getting them focused on offense instead of trying to hit all the time with batting average. We talk against that, we talk about runs scoring. When it did not go well for us and we locked into batting average and individual performances, trying to fix what was wrong. I kept saying you can’t fix something that is not broken. The ballplayer inside you is the one that has to play the game.”

What are your expectations for this team next year, based on who is coming back?

Collin Shaw- “We lose a lot of guys next year, but it is not so much about the winning and losing the last game. It is the relationships you build with the guys on the team, and it is going to suck next year walking into the locker room and not seeing players that are leaving. It is going to be hard, but we just have to regroup and go back to the drawing board and get back to work. We do have a lot of guys coming back, and young guys that did not play much this year that have a lot of talent. So it will be fun, we just have to hit the ground running and we will be back next year for sure.”

Dallas Baptist Head Baseball Coach Dan Heefner

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“That was a huge win for the season, obviously it was a must win for us we had to win the game to keep going. That’s a big win for our program too. To be able to host a regional, we wanted to be able to show well in this and just have the excitement around the program and to do it against the University of Texas too, knowing how big that is in the state and what that does for our university and the program. Couldn’t be more proud of Cory, that’s by far the best outing we’ve had this year, one of the best since I’ve been here at DBU. Just when you think about the whole situation and how we went about it, I thought it was a whole team effort. The guys really played well today.”

On not beating Texas since 1974 and what it means?

“The reality of it is, is that it’s the University of Texas and in this state that’s a huge deal. You can see it with the crowd that they had here. I’ve been here 11 years, we don’t play them every year, but we haven’t beat them since I’ve been here. They’ve never been here on campus before, so that was another thing that made it a big thing for the program and the number of guys we have on this program from the state of Texas too. “

Was not playing on Saturday on good thing for the team?

“I think it was a good thing for us, but at the same time I think we were really eager to get back on the field again. When that first happened on Saturday and I woke up and it was raining real hard again I was pretty disappointed, because I think we just wanted to get back out there ready to roll and get that taste out of our mouth and play again. After we had a break and got another practice in and cooled our heads again I think it was a good thing.”

Was this the perfect game?

“It really was, the situation that we’re in to get a complete game. I’m not going to say we had to have that, but that puts us in a much better situation with anybody in our bullpen.”

Dallas Baptist OF Justin Wall

Was there added motivation playing Texas?

“Definitely, it’s always awesome playing the bigger schools especially being a smaller school. We’re kind of in the underdog role and it’s definitely great to get out there and see all the orange in the stands too. That was definitely a motivating factor.”

How did you get over offensive struggles the past couple of weeks?

“It just starts one at bat at a time. We had a break after the conference tournaments and a lot of guys got in the cages and worked some things out. The first game we came out we were a little slow to get started, but today we were ready and jumped on some pitches early. Really once we started hitting we found our gear and go rolling.”

On the recent roll of RBI's?

“Credit to the guys in front of me getting on base and I've just been going up there trying to get quality at bats. All the confidence in me from my teammates and my coaches, it gives motivation to produce and I've been swinging well and I hope to keep that momentum going through the rest of the tournament.”

Dallas Baptist RHP Cory Taylor**On being able to go a full 9 innings?**

“I've trained all the years I've been here to go complete games, I've fell short a few times. I'm lucky to have gone out there and go nine.”

Did getting four runs early help your comfort zone?

“To be able to get some runs early it helped my comfort zone and not worry about any pressure. Credit to the hitters today. “