

Oklahoma State head coach Kenny Gajewski

Opening statement:

"The bottom line in softball or in any game is to win. We got that done. It's a crazy game. I don't know if I've ever been a part of a game like that, and if I have, I can't recall. I thought at times, we played possibly as poorly as we've played in the entire year. I felt like we gave them those first five runs that they scored. We played very immature at times. When you're playing so many young kids, that stuff is going to happen. I think we were just trying to make too good of plays and we can't fault them. I know we have a lot to go back and show them that we can learn from. I wouldn't trade these kids for anyone. The thing that excites me is that when we talk through our mistakes, we had great eyes back at me. I didn't feel like anyone thought this moment was too big. I knew this was going to be a grind. We were going to sell out to win and so were they and we did. I'm really proud of just the way that we fought. Bottom line is that we just walked way too many kids. Seven walks, they did the same thing. We forced them to throw I think more than 160 pitches and we threw about 130, which is a lot for us. We had a lot of errors, which were made, but don't show up in this box score. Chyenne Factor and Samantha Show came up with huge at-bats, along with others. But it's really good to see these young kids, along with our older kids, who can continue to ride it out, have great at-bats and make great plays. I'm just super proud to be their coach and now we have ourselves in the best spot that you can be. We're going to go back and chill, rest, I know we're emotionally beat. Chy said on the way here, 'I'm emotionally spent,' and I am too."

On Chyenne Factor's grand slam:

"It was huge. I look back to Richbourg in the first, yesterday her day wasn't very good. Came back in the first, drives the ball, we score a run. We needed that just to get her going and to get us going. I loved the way we scored early. That's nice, but Chy had another great day."

On going into day three unbeaten in the tournament:

"It's what you want to do. It's what you think through. It's what you dream about. What you dream about is what will happen if you put the work in and have everybody on the same page. We still have a long way to go. This will be a new point. Getting past this point today was big. We just have to keep breaking down these barriers. This team isn't only breaking them down, they're busting them down and they refuse to get beat. I'm just super proud of them. So we'll get through here now and sit back and watch and prepare."

On how he keeps his team up:

"If I have to worry about keeping these girls up, they should fire me. These girls are softball junkies. We'll just enjoy ourselves and do what we gotta do."

On keeping Logan Simunek in the game:

"I need Logan, we need Logan. I need her for next year. I'm trying to build a program that's sustainable. She's going to have to learn how to fight through and just grind. She hadn't really been hit hard, she was doing the damage to herself. We just told her, 'You're putting yourself in a bad place. They aren't hitting you. If we could make a play behind you, you'd be way better off so keep grinding and keep competing. Just pump strikes and we'll be fine.' Our girls have a ton of confidence in her and I'm happy with the way she fought through it."

Oklahoma State freshman outfielder Chyenne Factor

On what this regional tournament has been like:

"It's been fun. I'm just going with it. I listen to the older girls because they tell me to have fun and soak it in and that's what I'm doing."

Oklahoma State senior designated player Samantha Show

On if being up in the bullpen dialed her in for her last at-bat:

"I don't think so. Coach G came over to me after my second at-bat and told me that it looked like I was getting too big and trying to do too much. I was seeing the ball really well and sometimes that hurts a hitter. I just tried to stay short and that home run was timely. I couldn't have been more happy to be able to help Logan in that last inning."

Tulsa head coach John Bargfeldt

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"Just a tough pitcher's day. Both teams did a nice job of coming back from deficits and obviously the elements of the day helped out both teams a little bit in that regard. Both teams fought hard and when you have that many emotional swings in a game, you just have to tip your hat to both teams for the comebacks that they had. That's the way I felt about the game."

On pulling starting pitcher Chenise Delce:

"I think she was getting a little frustrated. She thought she was making some pitches and it wasn't happening for her. I thought some of the hits were doing the same thing and she had a pretty quick turnaround. I thought that maybe a different look might change up some things. All year we've been throwing all three pitchers and you just have to hope that one of them has got a good feel for the strike zone, so that is what I was looking at is how many pitches that they were taking on or falling behind in the count while getting some hits as well."

Tulsa senior outfielder Haley Meinen

On Tulsa's hitting:

"I thought we've been hitting them. I think we made good contact whether or not the hit column showed it. I thought we had good at-bats, so that's something you can take even when you're losing to keep yourself in the game because it's gonna just keep getting better the more you see the pitcher."

On refocusing in big games:

"At least in post-season I think it's a lot easier to rebound from stuff like that because everybody's so energetic already. It's just emotional and it's obviously hard to come back from us scoring five [runs] and then they score four and you think, 'Well, OK, let's do it again.' Then they've already seen you and you've seen them, which makes it tougher to come back because it just adds more pressure. The more you score the more they score. You think you finally have it and then you don't."

Tulsa senior second baseman Morgan Neal

On how to refocus for the next game:

"I think it's something you prepare for all year with the games you play. The two-and-a-half minutes in between that gives you time to tell everybody, 'Hey, that was our inning, but let's regroup before we go back out onto the field,' or come in and say, 'Let's get the momentum back in our field.'"

On if it's difficult to refocus in big games after the other team rallies:

"Yes, it is. I think that you just have to remember that we have girls on our team that can do the same thing. Good job to them, but get back in the dugout and remember that they did that, but so can we."