

Oklahoma State head coach Kenny Gajewski

Opening statement:

"Obviously, we are really excited about advancing. Hats off to Tulsa. They are as well-coached as anyone around. [Coach Bargfeldt] has done a tremendous job and they have given us fits my whole time here. I want to make sure that we give them some credit. They are a really tough opponent and made us work. I knew that was going to happen."

On the game:

"Just another really good game (for us). I thought [Samantha] Show pitched well with no walks. We had some timely hitting. We had 55 foul balls. I don't even know if I've ever heard that stat before. Credit to their kid, [Chenise] Delce. She just didn't give in and made it tough on us. We just couldn't get two-out hits. We had runners on but just couldn't make it happen. Sydney Springfield with the big hit there in her second at-bat. Madi Sue Montgomery with the big double and it was really fitting for her to catch that last out. Super excited for these kids and what they've done and what they've accomplished up to this point. I had told them in our huddle that we are not done. I think we are really good and we've been saying that since before the season. It's just been an enjoyment to watch this team grow."

On how special this moment is:

"When we got announced to host, I got so many messages from ladies who I've never coached, people I have coached, people they've played with, and people who were in that in-between era. They were thanking us and I feel like we should be thanking them. This is what we came here for, to get this program back to the national stage."

Oklahoma State senior second baseman Maddie Sue Montgomery

On catching the last out:

"I was like, 'Look this ball in and catch it, please.' I thought it was never going to come down. It felt like it was up there forever. It was a really cool moment that we got to celebrate that at home."

Oklahoma State junior designated player Sydney Springfield

On the go-ahead hit:

"I think we all love each other. Anyone who steps into the box has everyone with them in every at-bat we take. It's nice to sit back and know that all your hard work has paid off. Like we said, 'It's for the girls.' It's nice to look at the dugout and look at everybody and just know that we are in it together."

Tulsa head coach John Bargfeldt

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"I just talked to the team about what a great fight they put up. They did that all through the regional, and I just commend them for doing that again in this game here. Oklahoma State made it awfully tough on Chenise [Delce]. They had a lot of tough at-bats. I want to commend them on a great year that they've had. It's fun to compete against them. They're a very talented group, and it raises our level of play whenever we play them. Shout out to them, and good luck to them as they go on."

On the reversed out call in the seventh inning:

"I saw that the second baseman, when she went to make the tag, she pulled the ball out and tagged our runner with the glove. I could see that clearly, then threw to first. She just pulled the ball out a little bit early, and by rule, since that runner is going from first to second, whenever you put a runner in jeopardy by calling her out then you can't hold her accountable for walking off the field, so to speak. It was something I could see pretty clearly from my side."

On the legacy of this senior class:

"I told the team that I was proud of them, and they carried on a legacy that came before them. They've won four conference championships, and that's something that we always talk about with recruits, that there's been a culture here at Tulsa playing the game the right way, making sure priorities are straight in terms of getting your class work and stuff like that done. This class was a great example of that as you go through. We've had some years where we've had a pitcher who has really dominated, or we've had a couple of hitters who really dominated, but I think going into this regional, I think we only had one hitter batting over .300. You look down through our lineup and you'll see multiple runs scored and multiple RBIs throughout, so even though on paper you probably aren't gonna be wowed by what you see on the stat sheet, they've just come up with a lot of clutch hits at the right time."

Tulsa freshman pitcher Chenise Delce

On the long at-bats:

"Those are tough. I just kept trying to pitch strikes and try not to walk too many people this game like I did the last one."

On Samantha Show's first at-bat:

"I just was trying to pitch a strike that she wouldn't hit over."

Tulsa senior outfielder Julia Hollingsworth

On her base hit and getting the early run:

"I always try to set the game off on the right foot and try to get my team going. Everybody wants to be a catalyst, and I think that even if I get out, if I put the ball in play pretty well that can do something and help out my team get that momentum going. That's really what I was going for."

On what the seniors accomplished:

"I'm extremely proud. It's been a ride to remember. We've had some ups, and we've had some downs. It's been kind of a crazy season, for sure, but I think that we've used that to our advantage. We've come together, worked really well, found our strengths and played off of them. We've really worked as a team for all the success. We weren't just riding on particular players. We had to come together, and I kind of like that."

On the legacy of the senior class:

"This is a question I never thought I'd be asked. The legacy I hope my class leaves is I guess to fight for everything. This game wasn't a game where I was thinking, 'This is my last at-bat... this is the last time I'll be in the outfield.' I don't think any of the seniors were thinking like that. We worked to make every game a dog fight and compete and be a spark."