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| GAME 5 | VANDERBILT (7), MISSOURI (6) | NOTES AND QUOTES |

VANDERBILT POST-GAME NOTES

- Overall Record: 40-17
- The Commodores lead the all-time series with Missouri, 10-0.
- Vanderbilt will face No. 3 seed Texas A&M, Thursday at 4:30 p.m. CT.
- Vanderbilt is now 5-2 in extra-inning games this season.
- Vanderbilt is 26-7 when hitting at least one home run this season.
- The four home runs are tied for fifth for most in a single game in the SEC Tournament and is a team high for Vanderbilt this season.
- Shortstop Dansby Swanson hit two of Vanderbilt's four home runs, tying the record for most home runs in a single game in the SEC Tournament. It was the 20th multi-home run game and first since Florida's Jonathan Pigott hit two against Ole Miss in 2009. This was Swanson's 22nd multi-hit game of the season and his second multi-home run game, having hit two home runs against Florida on May 9.
- Right fielder Rhett Wiseman's walk-off home run was the first Vanderbilt walk-off home run since Wiseman hit one against Illinois-Chicago on March 3, 2013. It was also Wiseman's team-high 13th home run of the season.

MISSOURI POST-GAME NOTES

- Overall Record: 30-27
- Missouri will play Alabama in Game 9 on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. CT.
- Peter Fairbanks' 10 strikeouts were his second most in a game this season. Fairbanks fanned 11 batters against Tennessee on April 11.
- Ryan Howard extended his hitting streak to three games in the loss to Vanderbilt. His three-hit game was his fourth of the season and it was his 21st multi-hit game of the year.
- Before today's loss, Missouri was 24-0 in games this season when leading after the eighth inning.
- The loss was only Missouri's second loss at a neutral site this season. The Tigers were 10-1 in that category entering today's game.
- With the loss, Missouri dropped to 2-2 in games that have gone to extra innings.

POST-GAME NOTES

- This is the fourth-straight year with at least one game going into extra innings.
- Last year, five games went into extra innings.
- The last time the tournament failed to have an extra inning game was in 2011.

VANDERBILT COACH TIM CORBIN

Opening Statement ...

"It was a spirited comeback, for sure. It was great for our team in a lot of different ways. Their kid (Peter Fairbanks) played very well in the beginning of the game to the middle of game, with the exception of Dansby's home run. Our team hung in there mentally and was able to pull the comma, even with a sizable lead at the end of the game, but I think we we're able to do it because of (Jordan) Sheffield's containment. That was a big, big moment for us because even when that runner got to third base with one out in the fifth inning, his ability to just to pitch and keep them there was good at the time."

On the decision to use Rogers and Murfee as pinch hitters in the ninth inning...

"I think it was a little bit of both. It's a match-up against a right-handed pitcher, who is more of a harder thrower, so that was the reason for Nolan (Rogers). Coach Struett and myself spoke about who was our best fastball hitter and if we get to this point right here, who are we going to put in. I think at the point right there, we both agreed on Murfee. The kid has come up big before and the thing about him is that he plays with an edge and a sense of confidence that's a little bit different than others. I'm happy for him that he stayed engaged in the game and was able to up and do that."

NO. 7, DANSBY SWANSON, SS, JR.

On the new ball and the four home runs for Vanderbilt today...

"I wouldn't say it changed because we're just able to, like Corb said, put some good swings on the ball with backspin on it. With the new ball, the backspin on the ball will carry it a little bit farther, but our approach isn't to hit home runs. We're trying to hit good line drives in the gaps and sometimes it'll climb out. We just need to focus back and not try to rely on the long ball because that's not something that can last us for forever, so just go back to what we've been doing."

On Rogers and Murfee stepping up late in the game as pinch hitters...

"I love it for them; they definitely work at it. It's awesome for us to see our teammates coming in and helping us out. We're a unit and when they're able to come off the bench and produce, I'm just very proud of them for it. We trust those guys; they've come in and gotten big hits before and had good at-bats. I'm glad they we're able to come in compete for us."

NO. 8, RHETT WISEMAN, RF, JR.

On his approach at the plate in his last at-bat where he hit the walk-off home run...

"At the point, I was just not trying to "K" again for the fourth time. I got up there and I got in some bad at-bats before that and the biggest thing for me going into that at-bat was setting aside the at-bats before that. I got a good pitch to hit and put a good swing on it. I thought he caught it, but I knew I got all of it. The angle in which I hit it wasn't very good because Danby's two home runs today we're really low line drives and I got a little help from the wind."

On if he knew that he had hit a home run off the bat...

"I knew I put some good back spin on it, but if it was going to hit the top of the wall, I wanted to make sure I was standing on third base. I just kept going hard, and I was fortunate enough that it fell on the right side of the fence for us."

MISSOURI HEAD COACH TIM JAMIESON

Opening Statement...

"Obviously that was a really tough loss for our guys, and they need to be able to respond and get over it fairly quickly so we can get ready to play tomorrow. We need to keep winning. I'm real proud of the effort and thought we had the win, but that's the way the game goes sometimes. It can be pretty cruel, but I couldn't be more pleased with the effort, focus and determination of our guys. We gave what we had."

On the performance of junior pitcher Peter Fairbanks...

"I thought he was outstanding. He had a rocky first inning, but shoot I don't think he made but one mistake the entire game. But striking out as many guys as he did against one of the best offensive lineups in the country and getting us beyond the middle of the game with the lead is all that you can ask for. He was great."

On his confidence in his team to close out a tight game..

"I think that when you play anybody in this league, losing like that can happen. Obviously, they have a lot of confidence playing against us, but we have confidence playing against them as well. When I look at our main mistake, the worst at-bat was the walk. It wasn't the base hit, or the walk-off home run. We had that guy with two strikes, and we didn't put him away. Brecken [Williams] will do that 99 times out of 100. But that's just the way the game goes."

NO. 8, RYAN HOWARD, SS, SO.

On the error made by sophomore centerfielder Jake Ring...

"He's the best defensive centerfielder that I've ever played with, but the ball hit the ground hard. He just came in, and he didn't know whether he needed to dive for it or not. It was just a tough play. He kind of got an in-between hop on the bounce. That's something I've never seen happen to Jake."

On their hitting plan vs. Vanderbilt...

"Our hitting coach had a really good plan for us today. We got their starter out early, and then they brought in a lefty. We had a good scouting report on him, too. We were able to find the barrel against him and find the holes to score runs. Their last guy that came in did an incredible job. He was mixing it up. We just couldn't find our barrels and score any runs off him."

NO. 37, PETER FAIRBANKS, RHP, JR.

On what pitches he found effective against Vanderbilt hitters

"I thought my fastball command was pretty good, and any time that you can compliment a fastball with anything, it will be effective. So that's really what helped me out today."

On what he and sophomore Brecken Williams did to stifle Vanderbilt hitters:

"I think that I made the same pitches that Brecken did. He just had one that was left up and was able to get out of the yard. I thought we had a pretty effective plan throughout the game, which was just go after them. Any time you're on the defensive against a pitcher, it gets harder for you. Brecken did a good job. He just made a mistake."