



**2025 Phillips 66 Big 12 Baseball Championship
CINCINNATI POSTGAME QUOTES – Game 6
Globe Life Field: May 22, 2025**

No. 1 West Virginia 10, No. 8 Cincinnati 3

Cincinnati Head Coach - Jordan Bischel

Opening statement...

“Obviously, a tough one for us. Start off by really complimenting Coach Sabins and West Virginia. They've won 40 games and won the league for a reason. They're a good team. Griffin Kirn was really, really good for a guy who's a former D3 player and NAIA coach. To see a guy who gets an opportunity coming from a lower level to show that there's good players at every level, the way he competed out there at the highest level was. He did a great job. First, you start with tipping the cap. We didn't play all that well. A team that generally throws strikes, generally defends. We didn't do those two things very well. And what could have been a really good ball game on both sides really wasn't, because one team played really, really well and one team didn't. But I can't change it now. Not a great place to play our worst game in the last month, but young guys and learning opportunities, and we'll get better from it.”

Thoughts on Griffin Kirn and what made him stand out...

“Three different pitches for strikes and left-handed. I mean compete. That's stuff that we take pride in doing, and he just did a better job of it than our guys did today. And again, tip the cap. When you can execute three pitches where you want to throw them, you're going to be successful, without a doubt.”

Thoughts on the committee decisions for postseason...

“I think it's important, and this is no criticism of anybody, given this setting, a lot of people talk about bubbles and committees and those kinds of things. The one thing I want to point out is number one: I think we're in a pretty good spot, we're probably not in a lot of conversation, but I think it is important to note that we were in this spot last year and you could have really made the argument we deserve to keep playing, and we had 17 league wins. I think it's just important that these committees work awfully, awfully hard to get it right, and it's easy to be really critical when you fall on one side or the other. And my guess is this year, I'd be shocked if we don't fall on the side we hope to fall on every year, and last year we didn't. I think it's nice to not have to state your case, because I think we stated it on the field well enough. But like I said, I don't envy a

group of people that ultimately is going to have 66-67 teams that are qualified to play in this thing and have to pick 64 teams again. It's really nice that all the metrics line up for us, and I think it's a slam dunk, but at the same time, we're on the other side of it last year with 17 league wins and got left home, and I understood it, there's hard decisions to make, and so I just think it's important that the committee gets a little slack at times. They're trying to get it right. I don't think they're getting big extra paychecks for trying to do the best they can to get the right teams in there. And I think it's important to point that out."

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On if there's any adjustments made being in a different ballpark...

It's a pretty nice park. The people that built it did a pretty good job, so not too worried about that. But yeah, there's not really much adjustment. I mean, as a hitter, I'm trying to do the same thing every at-bat, so not really trying to do anything different in a different venue.