



**2008 NCAA SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
HOUSTON REGIONAL**  
Cougar Softball Stadium – Houston, Texas  
**POSTGAME QUOTES**

**Houston 2, Washington 0**  
**May 17, 2008**

**University of Houston Quotes**

**Head Coach Kyla Holas**

*Opening statement:*

“I thought we really showed up offensively at times. I thought we had some really patient at bats and we were finally able to push one across.”

*On facing Aleah Macon:*

“She’s one of the best in the country. I think they’re going to have a very bright future with her in the circle, especially with who will be coming back, I expect big things from them. Should they get there (to the Regional Final) on Sunday, it’s going to be another fight. She’s a great pitcher.”

*On Shamblin’s performance:*

“It’s tough anytime you have change the way you pitch from day to day. I thought Angel stayed very focused, made adjustments to her pitches and adjusted to the strike zone very well.”

*On advancing to the Regional Final for the second-straight year:*

“This is the second time we’ve done this so we hope lightening doesn’t strike twice and we can do our job, be focused and get it done tomorrow. It’s been a different mentality for us all year. We got to this spot very quickly and sometimes I think it was a bit of a blur. We understand the target that’s on our back and the position we’re in. We have to show up every day if we want to win.”

“I think we’ve done a good job so far of getting Angel some rest. Having the game last night only go five innings and then taking care of business today. You put yourself in a spot to be able to throw your number one pitcher and this late in the season, that’s what you need to have happen if you want to make a run.”

**Angel Shamblin, P, Sr.**

*On her performance:*

“I felt good today. I was hitting my spots well, making pitches break and making them choose the pitches I wanted them to hit.”

*On Washington’s lineup:*

“They fouled off a lot of pitches. Our defense was great behind me, helping me out. It was good knowing I didn’t have to strike everyone out. They were back there making great plays and it was a great help.”

“Definitely because she’s a leader out there. It’s good to have her back out there.”

“It’s a plus having two chances to advance to the Super Regional. We’re going to come out tomorrow fighting to only play one game and bring it home.”

*On winning two different ways in two games:*

“When you go deep in a postseason, any game’s going to be close and you’re not going to blow anyone away. You have to stay focused from pitch one until the last out.

**Laurie Wagner, OF, Jr.**

*On her foot:*

“It’s borderline amazing. I’m good.”

*On facing Macon:*

“She was a tough pitcher. She throws hard. I was looking for my pitch and I got it and drove it up the middle.”

*Comparing this year’s regional team to last year’s:*

“Last year we played a little scared. This year, we’re going out fighting. I think we’re going to go a lot further this year based on confidence alone.”

*On winning two different ways in two games:*

“It’s easier playing in a close game because you can carry that momentum over to the next game. You get fired up at the end, you won and you have some momentum heading into the next one.”