

**2009 ACC Baseball Championship
Goodmon Field at Durham Bulls Athletic Park
Durham, NC, May 20-24**

Game 11 North Carolina vs. Clemson

North Carolina Head Coach Mike Fox

Opening Statement:

“It was a terrific game. You have to credit Clemson for getting the big hit at the end. That was just a great game and I’m sure it was entertaining to the fans. We made some good plays and some not-so-good plays. We had our chances, like when you get your three- and four-hitters at the plate with guys on base, that’s what you want. We just couldn’t come through with the big hit there when we needed it. Our kids played hard, Clemson played hard. There were two good programs going at each other with a lot of respect, it was a really good college baseball game. “

On the largest crowd to watch a college baseball game in NC:

“That’s terrific. I knew it was loud. They should come back now; they should have their money’s worth because that was a terrific game. That’s exciting and I’m glad to see them come out and pay attention to how good this league is. I think both teams entertained them.

North Carolina Sophomore OF Ben Bunting

On regrouping and preparing a run for Omaha:

“I think we just need to regroup and take a step back and look at all of the things we’ve done good and bad. We just need to focus on getting it done for next week with a fresh start.”

North Carolina Sophomore RHP Patrick Johnson

On his throwing error and having to pitch with the bases loaded:

“I knew it was going to be a quick play, I was just trying to make a play. And then with the bases loaded like that, you’re trying not to be so fine, but to catch enough of the plate. You don’t want to walk them in to win it, you want to make them hit it.”

Clemson Head Coach Jack Leggett

On the game:

“It was a really, really good college baseball game. Both players pitched really well and there was clutch hitting both ways and some very good defensive plays. They are a very good baseball team and today I felt we played the way we needed to play. It was a great competitive game. It was one of those epic, classic baseball games.”

On performance of freshman pitcher Casey Harman:

“I’m just really proud the way Casey started the game off. He went out there and neutralized a strong hitting team.”

On Turnaround at This Time of the Year from This Time Last Season:

“We’ve got more depth and a good influx of young players. The older players are better than they were last year. Our pitching is a little deeper and everyone has just matured.”

Clemson Junior Wilson Boyd

On the final at bat:

“I knew I was going to have to get ahead (in the count). I liked the situation. I got a fastball to hit and didn’t try to do too much with it and it worked out for me.”

“They (the outfielders) came in a little bit and I got enough of it.”

Clemson junior second baseman Mike Freeman

On team morale after the win:

“It’s great to win such a great game like that. We didn’t score many runs in the game but Wilson’s hit at the end is just huge for us and we are just going to build off of this for the postseason.”