

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

**ACC Tournament Championship Game  
Virginia vs. Florida State  
Game #13**

**Quotes**

**Florida State Head Coach Mike Martin**

*Opening Statement:*

“I’d like to congratulate the University of Virginia on a job well done. They came in here and won the tournament winning four straight games in four straight days. That’s a credit to them. We’re obviously disappointed, but we’re also very excited about the fact that we will be hosting next week.”

*On the importance of the regular season for hosting:*

“I honestly think that’s the way it should be done. When you play 30 ballgames, this is a three-game tournament, sometimes four-game tournament. I think that the committee made the best choice in using that formula. I’m not talking about making the best choice of anything else, I’m talking about if you are going to use the formula, and you’ve got to start with the 30 games you play in the regular season.”

*On Florida State’s offensive and defensive troubles and concerns on any carryover:*

“We’re facing exceptional clubs. Those young men made quality pitches, we made quality pitches. It’s that time of the year. I wish I could put a finger on it, but it must improve.”

**Florida State Senior RHP Jimmy Marshall**

*On the mindset heading into the NCAA Tournament at home:*

“I think any time that you play at home, it’s going to be an advantage to you. The young guys are going to feel more comfortable in the postseason, we all feel more comfortable at home. We’re going to fill that place out and feel a lot more energy. It’s going to be good for us.

**Florida State Sophomore OF/RHP Mike McGee**

*On being dialed in early and losing effectiveness later:*

“I just lost control of the fastball. I was still doing alright with my off-speed, but the fastball was getting away from me. I couldn’t really control. At first it would go wherever I wanted it to, but I just lost control of it.”

## **Virginia Head Coach Brian O'Connor**

### *Opening Statement:*

“I am so proud of our players. This is all about them. Sometimes as a coach (gets too much credit), but the players play the game. This team has battled all year long and has felt like they have had to prove something maybe because of our youth. This is not a young team anymore. We've proven time and time again that we can step up and battle with anybody and win a game. The players know that when I talk to them that if we continue to have a good, consistent program and continue to knock on the door we can put ourselves in position to win a title and go on to an NCAA regional. Sooner or later when you do it with consistency every year that you'll figure it out and kick that door in. It was a collective team effort. ”

### *On winning a championship:*

“This was a big one for us because we haven't won a title. That has probably been the knock on us for five or six years that we haven't won a conference championship or a regional championship. Now we have proven to ourselves what we are capable of doing in this program. After we enjoy this (championship) today, we will turn our attention to the (NCAA) regional next weekend.

### *On Tyler Wilson's 8<sup>th</sup> inning pitching performance:*

“I think the kid has big guts. He is a fiery guy out there and a competitor. I would have had to pry the ball out of his hand to take him out of that situation. He continued to make the pitches that he needed to make and I felt like we had a chance to win the game (after getting out of that jam).

## **Virginia Sophomore OF Dan Gorratt**

### *On playing in a majority of late games:*

“The way our program is based is on finishing everything. In practice, in (batting practice). I think that is what paid off this weekend. We came out and knew we had to finish strong in last night's game. Coach works with us in being comfortable in (difficult) situations and that was definitely a stretch for us.