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East Carolina Head Coach Billy Godwin

On His Team's Performance

"I'm very proud of our players and what they accomplished. To play five games in three days and come back and win three in-a-row was absolutely outstanding. I couldn't be any prouder of all these guys.

On The Performance of His Pitching Staff

"Everybody understood that we were a little depleted coming into the game. We were trying to piece together our staff. I still felt that down 6-0 we were still in the game. They just pitched on heart and adrenaline."

On The Strength Of Your Lineup

"It could be anybody on any given night. We talk about that as team. The sign of a good club is that you don't count on the same guy everyday."

Rightfielder Devin Harris

On His Game-Tying Home Run

"I've hit home runs, but I say by far that's the biggest I've ever hit. He got up 0-1, so I anticipated he was going to come off-speed. He hung the slider a little bit and I made good contact with it."

Third Baseman Drew Schieber

Mood Of The Team In The Ninth

"It was very positive. We had a lot of confidence and put on our rally hats. We just wanted to take it one bat at a time and we did that. I'm so proud of Devin and it just shows that hard work pays off."



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South Carolina Head Coach Ray Tanner

On East Carolina's Team

"First of all, congratulations to East Carolina, Coach Godwin, his staff and his players. They did a heck of a job. They were the No. 1 seed here and were trying to defend their turf. They have outstanding talent and they came through in a big way tonight.

"They have a great club and it wasn't just this weekend. They've been doing it all year. They're tough to beat and it's tough to get 27 outs."

On The Outcome

"We put some pressure on them, but they had the best team tonight. We got in a better position early on, but Seth Simmons kept us in check. He gave up a two-run home run, but he kept us in check. We weren't able to finish it off."

On His Team's Effort

"I'm proud of my players. We played hard and were ready to go tonight. We tacked some runs on early and Jay Brown gave us a great start. Parker Bangs wasn't quite as sharp and we maxed out Alex Farotto a little bit. That slider that Devin Harris hit [for the game-tying home run] was certainly big for them. But I'm proud of my guys."

On East Carolina's Offense

"For a team that's as good as they are offensively, aggressiveness usually goes with that. But they don't chase a lot of pitches. They're tough outs."

On If He Was Thinking About Walking Devin Harris In The 10th Inning

"No because if you walk the bases loaded and don't make a pitch when you need to then you walk in a run. Obviously his last two at bats were huge. He's a great talent and a great player. [Whit] Merrifield came up with a great throw to the plate [in the 10th inning] but it just wasn't in time. That's a part of the game."

On Loading The Bases In The Ninth And Not Scoring

"We had a three-run lead at that point and a base hit makes it a five-run lead and that changes the complexion of the game. [Nick] Ebert did not have a good at bat; I think he chased a few balls out of the zone, but one of the reasons we got to the post season was because of him."

South Carolina Center Fielder Whit Merrifield

On Jackie Bradley, Jr.'s Home Run

"It was definitely some good insurance but the way East Carolina's guys swing the bat they're always in the game. We talked about scratching a couple across at the beginning of that inning and Jackie got a hold of one. Obviously a three-run lead is better than a one-run lead, but the way those guys swing the bat they're always going to be in it."

South Carolina Left Fielder DeAngelo Mack

On The Loss

"It doesn't feel good, but I'm proud of the way our team played. They battled all the way through and all the way through the season. I'm just proud of the way our guys came out and played."