



## POST-GAME QUOTES GREENVILLE REGIONAL

(2) South Carolina vs. (3) George Mason  
May 29, 2009 • Clark-LeClair Stadium • 3 p.m.



### **South Carolina Head Coach Ray Tanner**

#### ***On The Turning Point***

"I thought the first inning was huge. They had a run across and the bases loaded. We got a room service double play to get out of the inning. I'm sitting there thinking four or five runs for [Mike] Modica; he's going to be in good shape. We get out of the inning with only a run and that was really key for us. I really felt that the first inning was the turning point."

#### ***On Sam Dyson's Outing***

"The first inning was a little shaky, but then he settled down and gave us some quality innings. He battled for us. He hasn't really pitched well on the road, but he battled for us today."

#### ***On The Offense***

"I was really proud of our guys for tacking on some runs in the middle innings. We had some two out runs. Those things end up being big for you during the course of the weekend. I was glad we were able to score some runs. We have to do [hit a couple of home runs] to feel like we're going to a win a game. Most teams that hit a couple have a chance to win."

### **South Carolina Centerfielder Whit Merrifield**

#### ***On Winning The First Game***

"We talked about five one-game win streaks and we've won one."

#### ***On The Two-Error Play That Started The Rally***

"It gave us a spark. [Modica] located his pitches very well and threw a lot of off-speed stuff, but after seeing a guy through the lineup a couple of times, we got more focused. We were able to hit the ball hard and push a few runs across."



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### **George Mason Head Coach Bill Brown**

#### ***On The Outcome***

"Disappointed is the understatement of the day. I felt like we were going to come in and be very competitive and we weren't today. We really didn't play like a team that's competing to win this regional. Ideally we'll make that adjustment this evening and get on track a little bit."

#### ***On Mike Modica's Outing***

"I thought Mike came out and had good stuff and we didn't give him any help."

#### ***On Spencer Wiggins' First At Bat***

"Well he [Jackie Bradley, Jr., South Carolina's right fielder] made it look pretty easy. I thought at first he had given up on the ball, but I looked up and he hopped up and made it look like nothing. I thought Wiggins got enough of it, but he didn't."

### **George Mason Starting Pitcher Mike Modica**

#### ***On What Changed In His Performance From The Fourth Inning On***

"I want to say fatigue maybe, but probably not that. I've thrown more pitches this season than I did today. I'm not sure, maybe the heat. I was really just leaving balls over the middle too much."

#### ***On His Performance As A Whole***

"I didn't feel like I got hit around too bad, but it just comes down to giving guys extra outs. One way or another it could have very easily been a much closer game today. If we get out of some of those innings a little bit sooner, we might be having a different conversation."

#### ***On His Approach***

"I was really just trying to throw strikes. For the most part we made the plays, but sometimes it just doesn't you you're way. You'll get a bleeder here or there and you're out of the game."