



POST-GAME QUOTES GREENVILLE REGIONAL

(1) East Carolina vs. (2) South Carolina
May 30, 2009 • Clark-LeClair Stadium • 6 p.m.



East Carolina Head Coach Billy Godwin

On His Team's Performance

"It has certainly been a long day and that's not the way I wanted it to end. I think I've used this line before, but somebody told me that you have to lose two games to be out and we haven't done that yet.

"I think these guys are focused and we'll bounce back tomorrow, I can assure you of that.

"I know they're disappointed and just like we enjoy wins, I want that disappointment to sink in little bit because that will turn into frustration and then determination."

On His Team's Offensive Struggle

"I certainly felt that leaving so many runners on base might hurt us, but I didn't want to believe it. I just wanted our guys to keep competing. They were up there battling and trying hard and that's all that I can ask them to do. Leaving runners on base is sometimes an issue, but I just kept encouraging. I didn't want it to deflate us. I think it did catch up to us to be quite honest, though.

"It hurt a little bit but if you think back, a lot of the reason that we're here and the reason that we're hosting is because we did get a lot of two-out hits and do a lot of good things throughout the course of the season."

On ECU's Pitching Staff Heading Into Tomorrow

"I personally think we're in great shape. We haven't used Kevin Brandt, who has been one of our top guys. We've only used Brad Mincey one inning and Seth Simmons, our closer, has not thrown yet. I think we've got some depth and we're in good shape.

"I don't know who we're going to start tomorrow. I want to sit down with Coach Jarman and look at the match-up."

First Baseman Brandon Henderson

On The Team's Offense

"That's probably the most disappointing part about it is that we had so many hits and so many opportunities but just couldn't capitalize. We're very disappointed in the way it turned out, but like Coach said we're still in it and aren't done yet."

Second Baseman Ryan Wood

On South Carolina Starter Blake Cooper

"He was just making good pitches at big times in the game. You have to give a lot of credit to him. He made a lot of good pitches tonight. I don't think you can go through our lineup like he did and not do that."



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South Carolina Head Coach Ray Tanner

On The Getting Out Of Several Jams

"We are very fortunate to be able to win tonight. East Carolina has a very potent offense and they had runners everywhere early in the game. I don't think I've ever been part of a situation so many times that early in the game where we were able to get off the hook. You've got to give Blake [Cooper] a tremendous amount of credit for pitching out of some pickles. He's a cagey veteran and it's hard to get off the hook like he did. We are very fortunate. We had some big hits and we played a very nice game against them."

On The Using Adam Matthews As The Designated Hitter

"This afternoon the coaches and I met and we were trying to figure out who we were trying to match up with [Seth] Maness as a DH. One scouting report told us to go with a right-handed hitter. Matthews can run. Adam is good and he can get around the bases a little so we decided to go with him and he had a big night for us."

On Winning The First Two Game

"We're in the best position, but by no means are comfortable or relaxing. We are playing in Greenville, North Carolina and we know how good the Pirates are and how good they've been at home. We know we've got a lot of work to do ahead of us."

South Carolina Designated Hitter Adam Matthews

On Being Inserted Into The Lineup

"Anytime I'm in there I'm ready to go. Whatever my role is for this team I try to do my best. It felt good to be in there tonight."

South Carolina Catcher Justin Dalles

On His First Home Run

"I asked for time and I actually took my right hand off the bat. [The umpire] didn't give me time. I stepped back a little bit, but not out of the box and he threw a pitch in the zone and it looked pretty good. I put a swing on it and there it went."