



## POST-GAME QUOTES GREENVILLE REGIONAL

(1) East Carolina vs. (2) South Carolina  
May 31, 2009 • Clark-LeClair Stadium • 6 p.m.



### **East Carolina Head Coach Billy Godwin**

#### ***On Forcing A Decisive Game***

"I'm proud of our players and the effort they gave us. It was a long day to come out. To come out and do the things they did I couldn't be prouder. We've got to do everything we can tomorrow. In game one I told them we didn't have to win three, we just had to win one. In this game I told them we just had to win one. Tomorrow we just have to win one."

#### ***On Starting Pitcher Kevin Brandt***

"He's got poise and command of three pitches. With those two things you can be effective against anybody. We had a few bullets left in the chamber and he was one of them. I'm very proud of Kevin."

#### ***On Reliever Seth Simmons***

"Seth Simmons has been our guy all year. He stuck in there and got us two big outs."

#### ***On Kyle Roller***

"He had a lot to do with our momentum swing. When we were down 7-3 [against Binghamton] we needed someone to energize us and he did that. All of our guys have the potential to go out and strike a big blow for our club."

### **First Baseman Brandon Henderson**

#### ***On Bouncing Back From The Loss***

"I thought we came out and played very loose today. Offensively we turned it around and we got two big pitching efforts from Brad and Kevin. We got a big home run from Roller that got us going and got the crowd going."

### **Starting Pitcher Kevin Brandt**

#### ***On His Performance***

"I was trying to go out and throw to the best of my potential. I don't worry about what they are doing, I just try to go out there and pitch. I felt really good out there today."



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

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

"I was really proud of our guys making a run there at the end to put some pressure on East Carolina. I really felt like the key to the game was a great start by Kevin Brandt. He pitched a heck of a game. He was very special and he did a heck of a job. They played outstanding defense behind Brandt, too. We had some pretty good at bats, but they played tremendous defense, [second baseman Ryan] Wood and [first baseman Brandon] Henderson especially.

"We had a mulligan and now we used it. We have to come out and play very, very good tomorrow."

#### ***On The East Carolina Home Runs***

"The three-run blast early on by [Kyle] Roller was a tremendous shot. He had a great day. The grand slam then kind of opened it up for them. We put some pressure on them but just weren't able to get another hit to tie it.

"This East Carolina team is very good and it's no surprise to anybody, especially us, how good they are and how good they are offensively. They came up with three home runs tonight and two of them were really huge and drove in seven runs."

#### ***On Using Pinch Hitter Jeffery Jones In The Ninth Inning***

"[Steven] Neff was due up in that spot because I had lifted DeAngelo Mack, who had shin splints. I saw Mack hobble out there for the ninth inning and I lifted him. It was a mistake on my part. I looked at the line-up card and thought that if his spot came back up the game would be tied at that point. I would love to have that one back."

#### ***On Tomorrow's Starting Pitcher Jay Brown***

"I think Jay Brown has positioned himself to have this start tomorrow. Hopefully he'll go out and have a great outing. I feel good about sending him out there. It's certainly not going to be easy for him. He's going to have to be really good tomorrow."

### **South Carolina Center Fielder Whit Merrifield**

#### ***On East Carolina Starter Kevin Brandt***

"He pounded the zone. He located his change-up early and he pitched backwards. He threw change-ups in fastball counts and kept us off balance. When you throw strikes you're going to be successful a lot of times."

### **South Carolina Third Baseman Andrew Crisp**

#### ***On The Mood Of The Team***

"We're upbeat and have another game. We obviously would have loved to take this one but it's baseball. Tomorrow we're going to go out and play hard and play smart and do all the things we've done so far to get here."

### **South Carolina Starter Nolan Belcher**

#### ***On His Outing***

"I felt like I had all my stuff working but they made me pay for those two bad pitches and put up seven runs. It's going to be hard to come back from. I didn't keep them in the park tonight and they made us pay for it."