

NCAA Super Regional
Houston, Texas
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Louisiana-Lafayette 6, Houston 4
Post Game Quotes

University of Houston Quotes

Kyla Holas, Head Coach

Opening Statements:

"First off, I want to say thank you to every single fan that came out today. I think for both sides that was a great environment to play softball in."

On team's pitching performance:

"Anytime you give up 10 hits this late in the postseason, you can't win ball games. We got to make sure that we make better pitches. We knew coming in that every mistake we made they were going to hit and I think they did their job. "

On team's offense:

"I think anytime you ask a team to put up four runs you should win ball games. I was pleased with our offense. We put up four runs, we had eight strikeouts from her (Ashley Brignac), all of those runs were earned, had four walks and made her throw 135 pitches. Offensively, that's what we asked of our team and they executed it."

On the catch to end the game:

"That was a great play at a great time and a great moment. I thought defensively they made all the plays they needed to make. I felt like there were a few of them that we could've made to change momentum in our direction. We've got to show up and make those plays tomorrow."

On tomorrow's game:

"We know what we have in front of us tomorrow. They have a deeper staff and can throw a different kid tomorrow in the second game. They don't have to worry about throwing their No. 1 (pitcher) and can play for the "if" game if they need too. They have all of the advantages. We've got to make sure that we put some runs across early on whoever comes out tomorrow and hope that Angel (Shamblin) can settle in."

Senior Pitcher Angel Shamblin

On her pitching struggles:

"Basically, I made a lot of mistakes today and they capitalized on those mistakes."

On pitching every game of the postseason:

"No, (it's not a burden). Right now, they're just capitalizing on the mistakes that I am making. If I pitch my game I pretty much can't be beat. The offense produced the runs that they need to and we should've won the game."

Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns Post Game Quotes

Head Coach Stefni Lotief

Opening statement

"I would like to congratulate our team and the girls on a hard fought game. I really think they came out there, stay focused throughout, fought every pitch and were able to put some runs together late in the game to come up with the victory. That is just a testament to their character and their resolve to get it done. I'm just really proud of the Ragin Cajuns tonight."

On starting pitcher Ashley Brignac struggles in the circle

"I don't think she struggled. We were just in a very competitive environment, against a good team. She made the pitches when she needed to make them. She made one mistake and her team had her back and that's what this team is all about. If someone makes a mistake, then the rest of the team gets her back. But I think she pitched an outstanding game against a good team."

On starting pitcher Ashley Brignac's experience

"Ashley Brignac has been through this before. She is a young player being a freshman for us. She's a winner. She's proved that she's got the resolve and the vigor to get it done in the circle. This team trusts her. They all trust each other and it's really a great relationship between the teammates."

On her team's performance

"This team is good. They have really grown together and have played some great competition throughout the year and they continue to amaze me with what they are able to do."

On the big five run fifth inning

"Lana Bowers had a big at-bat, but you can't just give her all the credit because other people made things happen before she got to the plate. Kudos to the entire team for playing good team offense."

On the team's win

"We're not going to focus on that. We're going to enjoy this win tonight and wake up tomorrow and we're going to go back to work and keep fighting. It's not just one win away. It's every pitch away. We need to take care of our business, get some sleep tonight and get them rested and fight every pitch. That's the only way it will happen."

"I just think it was a well fought game. When that happens you can be excited about the outcome because you left it all out on the field."

Starting Pitcher Ashley Brignac

On her struggles tonight

"You're going to have to go through struggles in games. This team isn't about one person. You overcome adversity and that's what we have been working on since day one. It's pitch by pitch. Things aren't always going to go your way. You're going to fall down. Your teammates are going to be there for you and have your back. That's what this team is. It's all of us."

On her teammates support

"I just have confidence in our team. You're not going to be perfect. This game isn't about perfection. It's about fighting and having heart and playing hard every pitch. This team has my

back. Defense and offense, everyone on this team – 1 through 24 – we're all together. That's what this team is about."

On battling through her struggles

"You just take it pitch by pitch. You work on every pitch to make it spin and move to get it past the batter. If you don't, you have your teammates behind you. You just have to fight and get it to your defense or get them out at the plate.

Catcher Lana Bowers

On her three-run homer

"We go out there and fight. We draw strength from wherever we can get it. We're just out there fighting with each other. Whoever happens to get that hit, it's for the team."