Mississippi State head coach Andy Cannizaro

Opening statement...
“This was just a gigantic team victory for us tonight. Our two pitchers were outstanding, Denver [McQuary] got us halfway through the ballgame today. The fastball had a lot of life to it but he was able to keep the ball down in the zone, had some success there in the middle with getting his breaking ball over called for strikes early in the game. Peyton Plumlee came in the back half of the game and did a tremendous job of locating his fast ball and throwing his curve ball for called strikes then threw a few change ups in there. A big time effort from two guys that we needed it from tonight. Both of those guys really stepped up and allowed us to win the ballgame. We played a great game defensively tonight, on the infield, guys made terrific plays. We ran a few down in the outfield, it seemed like they hit about five out to the warning track that certainly could have been hits or doubles that our guys got some really good jumps on. Offensively, hit several big home runs and had big at bats tonight. Just a terrific team win in all three phases of the game. We are really excited and looking forward to the challenge of playing a terrific Southern Miss team, they are an outstanding team and extremely aggressive at the plate and they throw strikes on the mound. We are fired up to be playing them Monday, we feel like we are playing really well right now and I know these guys are jacked up for the challenge tomorrow.”

On Peyton Plumlee's relief performance...
"The first thing I thought he had tonight was an incredible drive to succeed. You could see the look on his face. He wasn't afraid to attack hitters tonight. He kept pounding strike one and worked down in the count. You could tell he really wanted it tonight. His effort was outstanding tonight, and he threw three pitches for strikes. It was his fourth inning of work and his strikeout was still sitting 90 down in the strike zone. I thought Peyton got better as he went on tonight. His confidence continued to grow and four his four innings of work, he constantly applied pressure and didn't allow guys to get into predictable fastball counts."

Mississippi State second baseman Hunter Stovall

On his home run
"I just went up there. In my approach, I'm always trying to stay on top of the ball and shoot it through the infield or hit line drives. I knew a fastball was coming and I kind of went a little bit in my mind to catch it out in front and get a good clean barrel on it, and it worked out."

Mississippi State third baseman Cody Brown

On his home run
"It got to 2-0, left-on-left, and I thought he would pitch me away, but he threw a fastball in and I was sitting on it and just sat back and squared up on the barrel."
Opening Statement

“It certainly isn’t any fun congratulating two different teams, on the same day, for beating you, but that’s what happened today. Our guys played extremely hard. Mississippi State just outplayed us a little bit tonight. They got a few more hits and scored a few more runs. They played a complete game. They did some of the smaller things just a little bit better than we did tonight. Congratulations to them, and Southern Miss, in the championship game tomorrow. I want to thank Southern Miss for a great tournament and all the folks at the NCAA, with all the rain and everything like that. I know it wasn’t easy. I know it wasn’t easy, but what an outstanding job. Their hospitality and professionalism is off the charts. So thank you to everyone involved in this tournament. It’s hard to say goodbye to some kids, especially your seniors. We might have a younger guy go in the draft, but this is never easy. Other sports, football season ends and you have Christmas and you see a lot of your guys because they’re around. In college baseball the season is over, these guys have been done with school for almost a month already, and if you’re fortunate enough you keep playing a month after school and they disperse. You lose your seniors and you don’t see them around because they’ve graduated already. That’s the hard part for me. That’s harder for me than sitting up here after a loss, knowing we’re not gonna have some really special kids back next year. Some of those guys are the heart and soul of our team. Some of them played and some of them did not. Some of them played sparingly, but for the most part they were the backbone of our club. Our younger guys here, two of ’em here, are sophomores. They have some great examples from some of our older players. That’s the culture in our program and that’s the culture in our locker room. Its selflessness, toughness, win no matter what, play harder no matter what and that’s what our guys did. Win or lose, our guys played hard no matter what. It stings when you lose. It hurts, but when you lose with the right guys you can handle it. You move on. I won’t lose much sleep tonight. I lost with the right guys on the mound, at the plate, behind the plate, in the field, in the dugout and we lost a regional with the right guys. I can live with that and I’m proud of my guys, everything they’ve accomplished this year. We have enough guys back, almost our whole team back next year. I know they’ll remember this feeling. We’ve got to keep pushing to get over the hump and get to the next level, win and regional and get to a super. We’ll go from there. We can do it. Out players know it, our coaches know it and that’ll be our goal next year.

South Alabama first baseman Wells Davis

On his multi home run game

I was just trying to stay on a fastball and I went to a full count with him for the first time. I just knew he was going to challenge me with a fastball with no one on base early in the game. Comes around the next at bat, flips me a breaking ball in, and I kind of had a feeling I had taken him out backside that he might try to stick one in on me, 91-92 mph. A good fastball. So I just geared up for that and got it, didn’t miss.

South Alabama center fielder Travis Swaggerty

On Mississippi State’s pitchers:

I think it was their fastball command. They did really well in and out and they mixed their breaking balls when they had to. They limited damage when they walked guys and they kept us off base, hitting wise. I think the fastball command is what really helped them out tonight.