2017 Hattiesburg Regional
Postgame Notes – Southern Miss 8, UIC 7 (Friday afternoon)

-It was the first all-time meeting between the schools.
-This is the second-ever Hattiesburg Regional (2003), but first with Southern Miss as top seed.

UIC Notes
-Friday’s game marked the Flames’ first in postseason play since the 2008 College Station regional.
-UIC fell to 29-8 when scoring first. It is also 4-5 in one-run games.
-The Flames are 3-10 when the opponent scores between 6-9 runs, and also fell to 14-2 when their offense does the same.
-Scott Ota tied a career-high with three hits. It was his fourth such game of the year.
-Jake Dahlberg, who entered his start second on the school’s all-time strikeout list with 209, registered three in 4 2/3 innings.
-The grand slam was the team’s first since Ricardo Ramirez on April 2 vs. Milwaukee.
-The 2017 Flames remain in a tie for the program record in wins (39 in 2002 and 2003 as well).

Southern Miss
-Southern Miss has won back-to-back regional openers for first time since 2008-09 (Baton Rouge, Atlanta).
-The squad also won its third game of the season after trailing by five or more runs (7-0 against Northeastern, 6-0 at UL Lafayette).
-The Golden Eagles are now 8-4 in one-run games.
-Southern Miss has drawn six walks or more in eight of its last 12 games.
-Southern Miss had its first homerless outing in 10 games.
-The Golden Eagles were out-hit 8-7, but moved to 10-11 when being on the shorter end.
-Taylor Braley drew two more walks, padding his single-season school record to 61.
-Starting pitcher Kirk McCarty became the first Southern Miss pitcher since 2002 to strike out 100 batters in a season.
-Matt Guidry’s pinch-hit, two-run triple was the first of his career. He also improved to 6-for-13 (.462) as a pinch-hitter this year with a team-best seven RBI.
-Mason Irby extended his hitting streak to five games, currently best on the team.
-Nick Sandlin earned his eighth save of the year with two scoreless innings. He is now tied for fifth on the USM career record book in that department (Austin Tubb who had 20 from 2003-04).