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Stanford vs. Pepperdine

Game No. 7 - Quotes

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Stanford Regional

Stanford, Calif.

Stanford Head Coach Mark Marquess

(Opening statement) "It was an unbelievable effort today. It was a great game, great atmosphere. We had a great crowd for a Monday. When we set this time, we weren't sure if we played a game on Monday we'd get a crowd, but it was a great crowd today. I was impressed with Erik Davis wanting the ball. Obviously he wasn't as sharp as he can be, with only two days rest. The guys we went to, [Drew] Storen had pitched yesterday and [Austin] Yount pitched on Saturday. They didn't have much rest, so I was very impressed with that. We were down 6-2, didn't look good. They had four in the first inning and they kept battling. We had the big inning that we had a couple of walks and obviously that big hit by Sean. Two big hits actually, two homeruns, but that was huge for us obviously. Then we hung on. Austin [Yount] came in, and I didn't know how much gas was left in the tank, but he had enough to get it done. I was very impressed with Pepperdine. They were a very good team obviously. We were very fortunate we could come back on them. They were swinging the bats very well and obviously they're really dangerous. The field today was very conducive to hitting. The wind was blowing out. Earlier games, the wind was blowing in and knocking balls down, but the ball was jumping today. I'm very proud of this group. Anytime you lose the first game and come back to win four in a row, that's very hard to do with this competition. It's very difficult, almost impossible. I didn't tell the guys that, but it's tough to do that. We were able to do that with a complete game last night from [Danny] Sandbrink. Yount gave us a great effort, [Jeffrey] Inman, [Jeremy] Bleich, four innings out of Bleich who hasn't thrown in eight weeks so. It's been a different guy each game that has come up. Today it was Sean [Ratliff], [Brent] Milleville, [Jason] Castro came up. As I mentioned before, I'm just as proud of this team as any I've had. They've really battled through a lot of adversity. There were very low expectations and they did a great, great job."

Sean Ratliff

(On being behind early) "It's never something you want to do, to get behind early in a game as big as this, but there's never any quit in this ball club, and nobody ever let down in the dugout. The attitude was always positive, everybody just talking about trying to get back in the ball game. We just kept working hard, having good at bats, getting one run here, one run there. Then finally we got a couple of big hits and broke out with some runs. Nobody's ever been real worried about us scoring runs so we figured if we just kept going at it, we'd get back in the ball game."

(On watching the Pepperdine pitcher before his homerun) "You're just trying to pick up how his ball's moving and where his release point is from what you can see. I was just trying to see what kind of offspeed stuff he was working on. If he has a change-up, or in his case a split-finger, they like to throw that a lot to left-handed hitters. I was just trying to get a feel for what he was going to try and attack me with. It definitely helped. I saw the split-fingers he was throwing to [Randy] Molina the at bat before and I knew if he got ahead in the count, he was going to use it to get his out."

Austin Yount

(On coming in as a reliever) "It's a similar mentality in that I'm trying to throw strikes and go after hitters. It's a little different getting ready to pitch. When you're starting, you have a little more of a routine. Relieving, you're not throwing much in the bullpen because I was trying to save everything I had."

Drew Storen

(On the wind) "I have a lot of confidence in my defense. I wasn't really thinking about the wind. You don't really want that negative mindset, so I just let them do what they have done all year. It's pretty easy to pitch when you have the run support I've gotten in the last two days."