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Pepperdine vs. UC Davis Game No. 4 - Quotes Saturday, May 31, 2008 Stanford Regional Stanford, Calif.

Pepperdine Head Coach Steve Rodriguez:

Opening Statement:

"Another great day for the Waves, it wasn't exactly the best of performances. We walked eight guys and struggled a bit in some offensive situations, but at the same time we took advantage of some offensive opportunities we have and Denny Duron hit a big home run. Nate Simon had a big double and that's what we've been getting out of this team the last couple of weeks. Guys have been stepping up and finding a way to get the job done and stealing some bases. Our pitchers have come up big when we needed them and that is what we got tonight.

On keeping runners stranded on base:

"I think our team has done a very good job at turning down plays, I think we are in the top five nationally in turning the double play. We don't make it easy on ourselves when we walk guys, but our pitchers have been coming up with big pitches in big spots. We left eight on today and seven on yesterday, I think every team in this tournament is having offensive troubles; it is just about coming up with the big hit when we needed it.

On Brett Hunter's status:

"He has had some injury problems but he pitched in a simulated game for us on Monday and did very well so I expected more of the same today. He is traditionally a slow starter in regards a good feel for his pitches, but he was able to settle in and do exactly what we were hoping for which was to get us to the fifth inning and then letting our bullpen takeover.

Pepperdine Second Baseman Denny Duron:

On his home run:

"I don't think it was a mistake, he is a very good pitcher and I was able to just get my bat on the ball and drive it out. It was outside so I just had to move to the outside of the plate and the ball carried.

Offensive approach:

"It isn't my approach to go opposite way; I always just try to hit the ball where it is pitched.