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Stanford vs. UC Davis

Game No. 2 - Quotes

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Stanford Regional

Stanford, Calif.

Stanford Head Coach Mark Marquess

Opening Statement:

“That was a great college baseball game and a great effort by two great college baseball pitchers. We couldn’t overcome that four-run seventh, Erik Davis pitched very well but Gamboa just pitched a little bit better. He was on balance the whole night and came up with the big pitches when he needed to. It was a very good college baseball game and UC Davis just did a great job tonight. They got their hits together at the right time and that was the difference.

On the matchup vs. Davis:

‘They are very good, but every team this time of year is a very tough matchup. If you weren’t playing well then you wouldn’t be playing at this time of the year. We are more familiar with them since we played them earlier in the year, so we knew that they would be a tough matchup. Neither team had faced a weekend pitcher so we knew it would be a different kind of matchup but they are very dangerous and they came through in the seventh inning. We were able to keep them in check for most of the game, but they got a hit and a walk and then got the big hit, and that was the difference in the game. It was a very close game and we had our chances with Ratliff’s near home run, but the difference was that one inning when they were able to get four.

On tomorrow’s starter:

“I don’t know who we are going to go with tomorrow. Jeremy (Bleich) threw three innings last weekend and felt good, so I could imagine he could go four or five. We could go with Jeremy or we could go with Yount (SP Austin Yount) and I haven’t made the decision or talked to my coaches yet. If we are going to win we are going to have to use a lot of pitching so we are going to have to sit down and think about how we are going to approach it now. We don’t know who it will be, I will make that decision tomorrow morning when we get here.

On regrouping tomorrow:

“I think we will come back and be ready to play tomorrow. As I said, there are no bad teams this time of year and we will come back tomorrow and play a good Arkansas team who had a tough loss today as well. They will be ready to play and I know we will come out and be ready to play so I hope we can get a good pitching performance and score some runs and stay alive in this regional. I know we will come ready to play, but I know Arkansas will too.

On the talent in college baseball:

“There is so much parity now in college baseball and this is a change that wasn’t the case 15-20 years ago. I think we can win this regional, like a lot of other teams in the country. It is a huge advantage for whoever can win the game tomorrow between Pepperdine and Davis.

Stanford Second Baseman Cord Phelps:

On having their backs against the wall:

“We feel like we have our backs against the wall. We dropped the game tonight, so we know we have to win a few now to come back. We know we can comeback and do what we need to do in order to be the champ.

On Eddie Gamboa:

“He changes speeds so well, he got us to chase pitches down in the zone and he had a strong command of his fastball tonight.

Stanford Starting Pitcher Erik Davis:

On giving up hits on 0-2 pitches:

“When you have a hitter 0-2, you often aren’t trying to put a pitch over the plate. To their credit they hit some mistakes and that is a credit to them that they were able to battle like that. That hurt me a little bit because you are always fighting for that advantage and when you have it you need to take advantage of it. It is a credit to them for fighting and getting that four-run inning.

On pitching eight innings:

“I didn’t feel any different actually; I was impressed with how I was able to keep my stuff throughout the game. I was able to win the battles early, but unfortunately they were able to win that won innings. I was able to do my job for five or six innings, but they were able to get the job done in the seventh.

On saving the bullpen:

“Now that we have lost, I think it is beneficial for us that I was able to save our bullpen a little bit. I have been doing that a lot this year, trying to save some of the other pitchers on this team, and don’t count me out because I will battle and this is my last season and I won’t go down without a fight.

On being 0-3 in the postseason:

“Every loss hurts and it is never easy to take, but we will give our best effort tomorrow and try to regroup and give ourselves the best chance to win.