

# STANFORD ATHLETICS



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## UC Davis vs. Stanford

### Game No. 2 - Notes

Friday, May 30, 2008

Stanford Regional

Stanford, Calif.

## UC Davis Head Coach Rex Peters

### *Opening Statement*

The game played out the way that I anticipated. I thought it was going to be a well pitched game and a low scoring game. I knew that it was going to come down to the last few innings and it did. Erik Davis had his changeup going and we weren't seeing it real well so we tried to make some adjustments by moving up in the box and try to get him to elevate some of his pitches, especially his off-speed pitches. He started doing that and we started seeing him better and started getting some better swings. That's how we got the four-run inning.

### *On whether he thought about taking Gamboa out after walking the leadoff batter in the ninth...*

It crossed my mind for a second, but I thought he matched up pretty well against Melville. He hit the ball pretty hard, but we got a double play out of it. Then since there was nobody on base we figure we would let him pitch to one more batter, but that was going to be his last batter. He was getting a little tired.

### *On whether the win was the biggest in UC Davis baseball history*

It is our only postseason victory, so it has got to be.

### *On why they play so well against Stanford...*

Stanford has a lot of baseball tradition. I have a lot of respect for coach Marquess and what he has done over here at Stanford with their program. They have good athletes and I don't know why, but they bring out the best in us. I don't know if it is the Cardinal and white or whatever it is, but our kids like to come over here and play and are excited to take on Stanford. For some reason we play well against them, but I can't put my thumb on it. It's just something where we feel comfortable and we are excited to come here and play.

### *On the low expectations at the beginning of the year...*

We were picked last to start the year, but I know why because we are the new kids on the block and in this conference you have to prove yourself. I never felt like this was a last place team. It was an opportunity to open some eyes and it is the same thin in postseason. Records don't mean anything, statistics don't mean anything and it is just another opportunity to prove something and open some eyes.

## UC Davis Starting Pitcher Eddie Gamboa

### *On how his arm feels...*

It feels great, I could have kept going. Unfortunately it only goes nine innings, but we got the win.

### *On a previous game at Stanford that UC Davis won three years ago...*

I was here at the time, it was right after I had had the Tommy John. I was in the stands and I remember the atmosphere here. It was one of my big goals to come back and play in a game like that and prove to everyone that I could come back after Tommy John.

### *On the atmosphere at Stanford...*

It is a great atmosphere here. We experience crowds like this in summer ball. It really helps us out with situations like this where some guys try to do too much, but we are here in front of your family and friends it brings out the best in you.

***On playing in front of a big crowd...***

Again, it brings out the best in you. There are a lot of UC Davis alumni, family, and friends. We don't get too many people for our two o'clock games, but we had a lot of support today.

***On falling behind in the first inning and battling through it...***

I think the pressure comes from who is going to throw the first punch and then once they scored that run it is a matter of just relaxing and doing what you need to do by hitting the glove and getting some ground balls. Our defense played great today to get us the W.

***On being tired in the ninth and wanting to finish the game...***

I wanted to finish the game very bad. I had a situation this summer where I went eight and a third and we won the game, but I had a flashback to that game. It was a very important game for me to finish and make the coaches proud. The class of 2003, we wanted to be a legitimate team in the Big West and be in the top-4.

**UC Davis Infielder Evan Hudson**

***On how they have battled back all year...***

It seems like it has been all year. We don't do anything until the seventh, eighth, and ninth, but we just keep battling and put some at-bats together and score some runs.

***On his big at-bat in the seventh inning...***

They intentionally walked to get to me to set-up the double play. I just knew that he is a good pitcher, he mixes up his pitches well with the fastball and changeup and I was just looking for something up and I got a fastball and just stayed short and turned on it.

***On having the batter in front of him intentionally walked in the seventh inning...***

I don't want to say disrespected, but you feel that way as a hitter. They walk the guy in front of you because they think you are an easy out, or you take it that way at least. I just tried to make it backfire on them.

***On what he was looking for in the seventh...***

He has a good changeup so I was just looking for it up, but I hit a fastball.