

SOUTH CAROLINA QUOTES

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

#4 Missouri vs. #11 South Carolina



Head coach Beverly Smith

Opening statement

“What an exciting game. I am so proud of my team. I thought they stayed in and fought to the end. It was a well-pitched game on both sides. I thought Nickie Blue and Paige Lowary did a great job. I think everyone saw it got really exciting at the end. Taylor Williams and Kaylea Snaer had some really big hits for us. We had some other players that really contributed for us, but obviously their home runs were the dagger. It was Jordan Bizzell getting on base and creating runners for us that really helped us get the win.”

On if she was surprised when Kaylea Snaer hit the homerun...

“No, I am not surprised honestly. She has had a great season and she’s been great with doubles today, so I really thought it was a double off the bat. So thrilled for her because we talk about big players stepping up in big moments, and we needed her to do that today. I think you could see the momentum shift after she got that hit.”

On if this is the type of game Kaylea can build on going into the postseason...

“Absolutely, I think it’s been what we’ve talked about with our team all along, playing our best ball at the end of the season. All postseason competition will look like this. Nothing prepares you for the NCAA Tournament like going through the grind of the SEC. What we faced all the way through conference and now, all those games are that intense and can come down to one hit or one pitch. I was just happy for our team, that they are feeling good at this point with confidence and high energy. Again, we just keep talking about playing our best ball at the right time.”

INF – Kaylea Snaer – Jr.

On if it was just a matter of getting to her in the seventh inning...

“When I stepped in the box, I had been working with Coach Calvin and he was saying that coming off of Missouri last weekend I had some opportunities I didn’t capitalize on. He told me get up for the big times. So before I stepped into the box I said I am getting up for this big time. So it was just really exciting to do that for my team.”

On if she knew her homerun was going to go out...

“No, I didn’t know it was going out. When it comes to centerfield you are never sure. That ball was hanging a little bit. When I was running down first base, I was like please go out.”

OF – Taylor Williams– Jr.

On what the emotion is like to deliver in that moment...

“It was exciting. As I was rounding third I was just looking at my teammates’ faces and it was honestly a crazy moment to see how happy they were for me.”

On when she knew she would be pitch hitting...

“It was during Jordan Bizzell’s at bat. Coach kind of looked at me and said ‘Tay-Tay be ready.’ So I put my stuff on and when Jordan gets a hit, coach kind of looked at me and I thought ‘Let’s make this happen.’”