



COLUMBIA REGIONAL • FOUNDERS PARK • JUNE 3-6

GAME 5
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POSTGAME QUOTES

South Carolina, Rhode Island

South Carolina Head Coach Chad Holbrook

Opening Statement

It was a big win for us, obviously, keeps our season going. Adam [Hill] was terrific in his seven innings. He gave us just what we needed. We needed him to go deep in the game and give us a chance to win, and that's what he did. He helped us with our bullpen going forward in the next game and hopefully two games. We're not exactly where we need to be or where we want to be from a bullpen standpoint right now, but we're not in dire shape either, and a lot of that was because of Adam Hill's performance. It's good to see us swing the bats the way we did. Hopefully that will carry over and give us some momentum. The guys are feeling great about themselves in the batters box and hopefully that will carry over to tonight. We're playing a great team, a great opponent, but we'll do the best that we can. Hill was terrific, and he gave us a chance to win the game.



On the depth of the lineup

{The offense} enabled us to have the chance to win 44 games this year. We've gotten contributions from a bunch of different people. TJ Hopkins went a long period of time without playing, and now he's a main part of things. Hunter Taylor hadn't caught all year really, and he was a big part of things yesterday to keep our season alive. LT Tolbert is versatile, and DC Arendas is versatile. We have some versatility especially infield and even in the outfield that's given us a chance if somebody goes down. It certainly showed up today with Jonah Bride being out. Hopefully Arendas can have another good game tonight. The depth of this team has helped us enjoy success.

On Jonah Bride getting ejected

Of course it's disappointing because I know who Jonah Bride is. There is nothing malicious there. I'm saying this without seeing the replay, but Bride wouldn't hurt a flea. He was caught in the middle. If he was going in there with an elbow and trying to take a kid's jaw off I might get it. It might look like that on video, but that's not who Jonah Bride is. It's disappointing because when a kid works so hard, and there's not a bad bone in that kid's body, and he gets a chance to play in the NCAA Tournament, you hate that an in-between play like that cost him an opportunity. But a rule is a rule, and we have to live by it.

Fr. RHP Adam Hill

On the pressure of today's outing

I really didn't put any pressure on myself. I knew my team was going to swing the bat. I knew all I had to do was put the ball over the plate and let my defense work. There wasn't really much pressure because I knew I had a great team behind me. It was really about putting the ball over the plate and making the pitches that I needed to.

On how he felt today

I felt great. I was glad for the opportunity, and I was ready to go out there and throw strikes and get outs. I'm glad Coach Holbrook gave me the ball, and I was ready to go. My body was fine.



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Rhode Island Head Coach Raphael Cerrato

Opening Statement

Obviously a tough one to end our season on. We hate to go out with that kind of a loss. South Carolina played very well. (Adam) Hill pitched very well. They hit the ball extremely very well. I'm really proud of what our team accomplished this year. I was just telling the guys this is really considered one of the biggest seasons in the history of the program, winning the Atlantic 10 Conference in very impressive fashion and then coming out here and beating South Carolina Friday night in front of a packed house. That's one of the best programs in the country. That's something that our group of seniors should be very proud of. It's a special group, especially someone like Ryan Olmo, who really came in as a walk-on his freshman year and ended up being a two-time A-10 All-Tournament player, batting fourth in the lineup and hitting a huge home run on Friday night in the Regional. It's special what our guys did. I couldn't be more proud of our team, our effort, our attitude. It's an awesome group. I'm going to miss the seniors. It's something that I think we are going to build on and continue to get better as a program. It was a big step in the right direction for URI baseball. I'm proud of all of our guys. I'm going to miss them. It's a tough day. You don't want to end the season, because it's a special group of guys that you want to spend time with - coaches, players, staff. You don't want it to end, but it was a great year. A lot of great memories, a great group, and I'm going to miss them.



On their nucleus returning...

I feel very good. I feel very good about our team next year. We lose some key guys - Steve Moyers, he didn't throw well yesterday, but he had an amazing career for us, Ryan Olmo and our catchers - but we return a lot of key players and a lot of pitching. We had a few injuries this year, which hurt our depth. (We have) some guys coming back next year, a couple of transfers who are going to be eligible to play and a good freshman class. I'm very optimistic about our chances. I think hopefully we can build on this. It's not easy to win the A-10 and get in the (NCAA) Tournament. My goal for our program is to be in the talk to get an at-large bid. I think we have the capability of doing that, not just to have to win our league. We are growing. We are getting there, and I'm very excited for our future.

So. INF Chris Hess

On the direction of the program...

This was a building block again. Last year we lost in the A-10 Finals, and then this year we came out and won it. That was another step in the right direction for our program to build on it for years to come.

On how the program can build...

It shows we can play with anyone in the country if we play the right way with good pitching, good defense, and timely hitting. We can play with anyone. Even in the hostile environment on Friday. The crowd was loud, but we played and won. It's just another building block to show we can play with anyone.

Sr. OF Ryan Olmo

On what they will take away from the Regional...

The biggest thing is experience. 2005 was the last time this program has ever been at this stage. To come in Friday night with 8,000 people there and beat them in front of their home crowd and have a shot to get to the Regional Finals - we played ball, we played ball well. Hopefully the freshmen this year can use this experience and this program can build off of it. That's really what it comes down to.

On his success at the plate today...

It was just seeing the ball down. That's what the approach was, trying not to chase many balls up. My first at-bat, I had that check-swing up, but after that, they were pretty much forcing me in the whole time. Once I was able to adjust to that, he didn't really adjust his game plan after, so that's what it came down to.