



2012 BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

DIVISION I

GAME 2 POSTGAME QUOTES

COLUMBIA REGIONAL • CAROLINA STADIUM • JUNE 1-4

South Carolina 7, Manhattan 0

South Carolina Head Coach Ray Tanner

Our players will probably tell you that what happened out there tonight was exactly what I anticipated. We had time this week to get some practices in. We kept trying to make them understand what (Taylor) Sewitt would be about. He was as good as advertised. He was very, very special. I looked at his numbers and scoreless streak, and we finally got two runners on there. He got two outs, it didn't look good, Then Adam (Matthews) got through it. Colby Holmes was fantastic as well. We needed him to do that good because Sewitt did a good job for Manhattan.

On Colby Holmes

The only thing I said to him was two weeks ago he was really good against LSU. He was a guy that needed to get to this game. If we weren't going to pick Michael (Roth), he's been in this situation before. That wasn't an issue. It was just a matter if he'd be sharp or not, and he was outstanding.

On how you feel pitching Michael Roth in a big game

You feel like you give it your best shot. That's the thing. I have confidence in a lot of guys, but certainly what Michael's done in his career here, if you can line them up, that's as good as it gets. Win, lose or draw, we're sending our guy with the best mentality, the best toughness and poise. That's all you can ask.

On playing Clemson in the tournament

You have to approach it that they we won the first game and they did and let's go play. But who are we kidding. It's big. It's a rivalry situation. It's more than just the second round of the NCAA. It's Clemson. We're playing Clemson. It is what it is, but I think it's great. Coach Leggett and I talked a little last night. We like this. We like to play. Whether I get beat or he gets beat, if you said we can play a seven-game set, we would enjoy that. Now we wouldn't enjoy all of this (media attention), but we would enjoy that. That's what we're about. That's the fabric of both of us. We get crazy about it.

On not needing to go deep into his bullpen

On paper that helps out a little bit because we probably didn't have Evan Beal available tonight. He was dressed and in the dugout, but he's been sick the last couple of days. We were down a man there and didn't want to have to use Tyler Webb or Matt Price tonight. So we're in better shape than we would've been, but Colby (Holmes) stretched it out for us and did a tremendous job. I thought Patrick Sullivan had some life on his ball when he went in tonight.

On the lineup tomorrow

I'm not sure exactly what the lineup will be. We'll take a look at what's going on with their team and look at the scouting report a bit on who they've been the last two to three weeks.

Junior pitcher Colby Holmes

On his performance

I knew coming in that Manhattan was a good team. Their pitcher threw great. Coming out the gate, I had the slider and fastball working. Everything was feeling great tonight.

On keeping the ball down in the zone

I've been trying to work in my bullpens on keeping the ball down. It worked for me tonight.

On coming back from a bad outing at the SEC Tournament

It was great to come out the gate and be effective and be on top of my game. The outing in Hoover was disappointing, but coming out and doing what I did put the confidence in me.

On Dante Rosenberg catching

He did great. Midway through the season he caught me the first game against Vanderbilt. I thought we meshed real good. He's everything that we needed behind the plate tonight.

On throwing no-hitters

No hitters. I've never thrown one, but I wasn't thinking about it. I was just thinking about getting through the inning.

Junior first baseman Christian Walker

On playing Clemson Saturday

Every baseball fan in the state of South Carolina is going to get what they wanted. They're a good team and want to win and take us down, but at the same time we had to focus on Manhattan, and now that that game is over we can move on.

Senior right fielder Adam Matthews

On his hit to break the game open

I figured he would come at me. He threw me a 2-0 fastball right down the middle, then went with a 2-1 slider, so I knew he would come right at me.

On playing Clemson Saturday

It will be a lot of fun. We'll just approach it like we have every game this year and hope we can put up some at bats early and get on the board.

On the NCAA record unbeaten streak

We don't really think about that until someone mentions it. It's been a great run, especially for me to be a part of it the last three years and Christian Walker and Colby Holmes as well.





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Me and my team, we're disappointed in the outcome. However I'm proud of the way they came out to compete. It's a difficult environment to play in, that's for sure. I think we learned that tonight. Taylor (Sewitt) came out and did a good job. He threw strikes. He competed on the mound and kept these hitters at bay and off balance. He really gave the team a chance to win. The problem was their guy, Colby Holmes, basically matched him, and we couldn't make the proper adjustments to get the offense going. If we got Taylor a couple of runs early, the game could've been different. In the sixth when they pinch hit Michael Roth and Taylor got him looking, I thought we would get out of that jam, and they came up with a really big hit. They got that big clutch hit we were unable to get, and the game got out of hand late when I tried to get some young guys some experience in this venue. I was proud of the way the guys competed. We'll certainly be back tomorrow with the goal to win a game in this tournament and play on.



On the rotation the rest of the weekend

Tomorrow we're going to go with Scott McClennan. Scott has been a valuable guy on our pitching staff. He pitched well in our conference tournament. He'll get the start tomorrow against Coastal Carolina.

On playing against Colby Holmes

I certainly was impressed with (Colby) Holmes. It was a valuable experience for my guys to get a taste of SEC pitching. He didn't throw the ball above the knees unless he wanted to and did it on purpose. He didn't miss up. He never missed up. He threw what I seem to think is two different fastballs. He was throwing at 84, 85 to get ahead and then finishing guys at 89, 90 away. When he spun the ball, he spun it down where he couldn't get hurt, and our guys had a hard time laying off it.

Senior pitcher Taylor Sewitt

On the hit allowed to Adam Matthews to break open the game

I fell behind him 2-0 and came back 2-1, then fell behind 3-1. I didn't want to walk him, so I had to give a fastball. It wasn't exactly where I wanted it. He's a good hitter and hit it exactly where he should have.

On if the no-hitter was on his mind

It was on my mind. I knew about it, but I wasn't focusing on throwing a no-hitter. I just tried to put up zeroes as long as I could and keep my team in the game.

Junior catcher Nick Camastro

On South Carolina pitcher Colby Holmes

He came out and pitched a really good game. He was painting the corners. Sometimes against these big SEC pitchers, we haven't seen in a while so we just have to have quality at-bats against them. You just have to tip the cap.