



# 2012 BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

DIVISION I

## GAME 3 POSTGAME QUOTES

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### Coastal Carolina 11, Manhattan 1

#### Coastal Carolina Head Coach Gary Gilmore

Happy to be able to be here right now and know we can show up tomorrow. Tyler (Herb) did a fantastic job, and Jake (May) had some big hits and was outstanding for us today. We'll see how it takes us.

##### *On his comments about his pitching staff from Friday night*

(Their ranking in this tournament) probably moves up a spot or two. To be honest with you, (Tyler Herb) touched on it. He hasn't had an outing like this in a while. It's been kind of a sporadic, hit or miss. It's been two innings here, three innings there. He had some games earlier in the year where he pitched like he did today, but if you look through our box scores, it's been a while since we had someone go this deep in the game. I hope they heard (the comments last night) and hope they read it because they need to be challenged.



##### *On fighting back through the elimination bracket*

I've been on the other end of a bunch of these where you win game one and go into the night game. It's an emotional, mental drainer to go into the game that's about to be played (between South Carolina and Clemson). I know what UCONN did last year (in the Clemson regional), and some teams that we've played in the past to come through the losers bracket and have very good Sundays. We have the opportunity now. We wanted to come to the ballpark to come and get the opportunity. There was a time when we were trying to win a regional and get to a super. We've done some of those things. We haven't beaten these guys. At some point it's going to take a group of young men to beat these outstanding SEC and ACC clubs.

##### *On breaking through against the "major" programs*

In life when you're a school like Coastal Carolina, which is wonderful institution, but we are a mid-major; to crack through and be kind of like, for lack of a better term, the 'evil giants' out there like the Yankees or SEC, ACC or Big 12 to us, to figure out how to beat them is just one pitch at a time. We have to compete and want to win as bad as we want to breathe. That's what it's going to take. We have to come out and be a bunch of rabid dogs and compete.

#### Sophomore centerfielder Jacob May

We really just wanted to respond. There was a man on third, so I just tried to do my job and get the runner in. I knew a deep fly ball would score him. I had a little wind too, that helps.

##### *On playing either South Carolina or Clemson tomorrow*

We know it's do or die right now. We have to show up every game and every pitch. We know we're packing our bags and going home if we don't show up. By no means are we intimidated by South Carolina or Clemson. I know they've had the upper hand a few times in the past, but we know we can compete with them and have just as much talent.

#### Sophomore starting pitcher Tyler Herb

##### *On his pitching performance*

Not really much pressure at all. We just have to take it one pitch at a time and go from there. My last two outings were pretty bad, so I was just looking to bounce back. We felt good from the start, and I just tried to throw strikes.

##### *On the coach challenging the starting pitchers Friday night*

I didn't even hear about that. It's a motivator, I guess. I'm just trying to do my job and hopefully everyone else has confidence in us, and I know Coach Gilmore does too.

##### *On his performance today compared to his recent performances*

Against Liberty I didn't throw terrible. I just left a few balls up. When I came out here, I tried to keep the ball in the strike zone. Unfortunately, I didn't the first few innings, but after that I threw pretty well.



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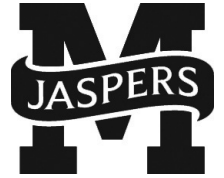
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#### Manhattan Head Coach Jim Duffy

For me and my team at this point, being that it's so fresh, we're just disappointed in the outcome. We expected a lot more from ourselves in Columbia. I'm proud of the fact that we did expect more from ourselves. We were excited to be here, but we came down here to win games and to show people outside the MAAC that we have a solid ball club and that we can play with the big boys. Unfortunately we weren't able to get that done, but that doesn't take away from how I feel about my team and about my kids and what they've done this year. I'm going to ask them to step back and kind of look at what we've done overall and be proud of their effort and that they were here and competing with South Carolina and Coastal. We were hanging in there early in the game. Scott McClennan was doing a good job. We just couldn't get the offense going down here. We had a hard time. Pitchers threw well against us. I'm not so much getting on my guys as I am tipping my cap to the opposing pitchers. They kept us in check, and we were unable to get anything going offensively. We hung in there pitching-wise and played defense and in the seventh inning, the game got away from us a little bit. Unfortunately the 2012 Manhattan ball club is done. Now it's just time to look back and be proud of what we've accomplished on the whole.



#### *On momentum...*

In games like this and against opponents like this, it's important. We got on the board in the sixth. When we score, it's our pitchers job and our defense's job to go out there and give us a shut down inning. And then we gave them two right back. You've got to give Coastal credit. They executed their offense when they needed to and came up with some big hits in those situations. That was a key inning in the game. We tied it, and it wasn't tied for long. If we could have kept it tied, we've been known to do some stuff when games were close, but we couldn't keep it close.

#### Sophomore pitcher Scott McClennan

##### *On the Manhattan season...*

For me, it was a great experience. At the beginning of the season we started out 1-14 and to battle back...it's a great feeling. It's a tough loss. After everything we did this year, it will always be remembered as a good year.

#### Junior second baseman Nick Camastro

##### *On the Coastal Carolina pitching..*

He (Tyler Herb) had good command of his pitches. I thought we hit the ball hard. Sometimes just right at people. The balls didn't seem to fall our way sometimes. Sometimes you've just got to tip your hat like coach said.

##### *On the Manhattan season...*

Our battle back to get here was very good. We were definitely disappointed in how we played. I know I am and our offense is. We felt we could have done better. Hopefully next year we can win another MAAC championship and get back to a regional setting and compete in some games.