



GAME 4
SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016
POSTGAME QUOTES

UNCW 11, Rhode Island 7

UNCW Head Coach Marc Scalf

Opening Statement

It was an unbelievable night for offense tonight on both sides. We were trying to figure out how to slow them down, and it continued to keep our guys going on the offensive side. Austin (Magestro) came in and gave us five tremendous innings. He shut things down from that point in time. He gave up one unearned run in five, and certainly gave us the opportunity to win the ballgame. Kennard (McDowell), Zach (Canada), Robbie (Thorburn) – all three down there at the bottom of the order put at-bats together and swung the bat extremely well for us. I thought we did a good job up and down the lineup of maintaining a solid approach, trying to square balls up and move the baseball. Fortunately for us we got five innings out of Austin that gave us a chance to win the ballgame.



On his team's offense

It's a good feeling watching these young men continue to compete at the same level as they have throughout the course of the year. It's a pretty loose group. They understand the game. They understand the importance of focus from pitch to pitch and eliminating something that happened previously. Tonight, we score and they score, we score and they score, we didn't score and they score again and take the lead. Our guys are pretty good about flushing it and continuing to move on. I think we answered everytime they scored except once.

So. IF Zach Canada

On the back-and-forth game

We are always confident, especially early in a game like that when we are going back and forth. We are just trying to stay with our approach and keep looking for balls we can drive. We aren't really thinking about the score at that time, we are just trying to put together quality at-bats.

On the production from the bottom of the order

We don't really think about how low we hit in the order. We just try to get up there and look for a ball in the zone and hit it hard as hard as we can. I don't really think about being at the bottom. Up and down the lineup I'm pretty confident in whoever we have up there. That's our approach as a team.

So. RHP Austin Magestro

On being 2-0 in the regional

It shows that we can play with anybody in the country. We are here to compete. We are here to win. We're not just here to make a showing at a Regional. We are here to strive to get to Omaha. That's the goal, and if we don't get there, we're not looking at it as a successful season unless we do.

On his approach

I'm just going out there trying to throw strikes. I know my defense is going to make plays behind me. I try to attack and keep the ball low. I know the ball was carrying today, so I wanted to make sure that I was more focused on locating than trying to get up there and blow it by people. My main approach was to get ahead in the count, keep it low and then work from there.

Jr. IF Kennard McDowell

On performing on a big stage

I'm just trying to do what I can to do help the team out. I got a pretty good swing on one, and it put us up.



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Rhode Island Head Coach Raphael Cerrato

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This was a tough loss tonight. We had our opportunities. UNCW is a good club. They can really swing the bat. They were just a little bit better than us offensively. We made a couple of mistakes, and they hit them out. We put some good swings on the ball. We had probably three or four hit the fence, too. They just were better than us tonight. They played better, they swung the bat better, and they hit four home runs. That was the difference of the game.

On Nick Johnson keeping them in the game and setting them up for tomorrow...

Once Nick [Johnson] threw two innings, we knew we were going to stay with him. Nick is one of our better relievers. It's so important to try to stay in the winner's bracket. With the way that game was going, we felt like if we could keep them to 10 or 11 runs that we would have a legitimate chance to win the game. Their guy was great. He pitched really, really well. We chased too many balls out of the zone. Nick did a nice job for us. In hindsight, maybe we left Steve [Moyers] in a little too long. He's had such a great career for us and has been such a tough kid. If we could take it back and maybe put Nick in before the three-run homer, but Steve has been so good for us throughout his whole career.



So. RHP Nick Johnson

On throwing five innings and saving the bullpen for tomorrow...

I wasn't thinking about tomorrow when I was out there. I was just trying to keep rolling and getting outs. I just wanted to keep getting my guys back in the dugout and give us a chance to get the game back under our control.

On what was working for him tonight...

My fastball command was really good tonight. I was really working both sides of the plate. There was one time where I left the ball a little bit over the middle of the plate, and he handled it pretty well.

So. OF Jordan Powell

On being a hitter and putting up numbers, but UNCW always responding...

As soon as the game started, I had a feeling it was going to be a hitters battle. Both teams were seeing the ball well. I was seeing the ball well. I could see the off speed. I was really hitting the fastball, which is my favorite pitch. Other than that, we both battled hard. I think UNCW got the best of us today, but we'll come back stronger tomorrow.

On mindset playing South Carolina tomorrow...

We're going to take it one pitch at a time, one out at a time and one inning at a time tomorrow. We came here to do one job, and that's to play baseball. We're going to go out there and do that tomorrow.