



2013 BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

GAME 3 POSTGAME QUOTES

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Clemson 10, Saint Louis 2

Clemson Head Coach Jack Leggett

We played a good game today. I thought Goose (Daniel Gossett) was good for us on the mound, he wasn't exceptional without his stuff as far as a command, but he battled through for us. His pitch count got up there a little earlier than we were hoping, but Kyle Schnell came in and did a great job for us. Pitching was really good for us. I thought we played great defense. We got some timely hits, some guys had some big days for us, we got some men on base and we got some hits with men on base. I thought our running was good, our offensive game was good today as far as our swings. Just a better total ball game compared to yesterday's, and we just have to play one inning at a time here.



On the leadership displayed in this game...

We had a number of guys step up, Goose (Daniel Gossett) had to give us some good outings and some good innings and we really didn't need to go to the bullpen early today so to get six out of him was good. We were hoping for another one but it worked out well when Kyle Schnell stepped in for us. Steve (Wilkerson) obviously had a good day for us with a couple of good runs. Shane (Kennedy) had a nice day for us. Up and down the order I thought we swung the bats pretty good. We ran the bases pretty well we also and had some good defense. Steve (Wilkerson) always plays well on defense. We had a couple of good double plays for us so it was a much better team effort for us today. Young, old I think everyone contributed. We had some good at bats and some good situations and that's kind of what we've been struggling with over the past few games. So, it's good to see that. We'll go home and get some rest and figure out who we play next and just go one inning at a time.

On Steve Wilkerson's performance...

I've always said this is a really fun game when you're hitting the ball. When you're not hitting the ball it'll break you down and Stevie (Wilkerson) is a pretty even kid. He always keeps a positive outlook on things. He always feels pretty good about himself and you know even though I didn't know he was .225 to be honest with you he keeps his head in the game and keeps on battling. He did a nice job, you know his first at bat he struck out, and second time up he got in the fastball count and got his fastball and did something with it for us. The next time around he got another fastball count and that was a fastball that he hit as well and he did something with that. So I feel the confidence of his first home run led to his second, and he also hit another ball very well to left center field that I thought was going to end up being a double or triple, but a guy made a great play on. So hopefully that will lead into something positive for him tomorrow, and everything we did offensively will end up being positive for us tomorrow.

Sophomore starting pitcher Daniel Gossett

On his outing...

I wouldn't say I was trying to press too much. I was just worried about a few little mechanics issues. I was able to make some adjustments. I talked to Pep (Dan Pepicelli) when I needed to, and he helped me out. I didn't feel like I was pressing. I felt like I was just pitching the same baseball game. But you're bound to get those little mechanical flaws and just made some adjustments.

Junior second baseman Steve Wilkerson

On his first home run...

It's always big to break the ice, get that first run across the plate that creates energy in the dugout and kind of gets everyone going. I think after we scored that first run we just kept passing it to the next guy and kept building on each other and we started swinging for the rest of the day.

Junior third baseman Shane Kennedy

On his batting...

Seeing more pitches helps in a couple of different ways; it allows guys to walk and things like that, but at the same time it gets the pitcher's pitch count up. That's a big thing to be able to get that pitcher out of there.



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Saint Louis Head Coach Darin Hendrickson

I just want to congratulate Clemson. They are a well-coached team. They played very well today and bounced back after a tough one yesterday. Congratulations to them, and I want to congratulate my team as well for playing a great season and leaving it all on the field. We just made a few mistakes today, and they capitalized, and the better team won today.

On getting out of the third inning...

To me, that was kind of the key to the game. They are a gifted club with a lot of left-handed hitters in the lineup. We got on top early, and we knew that (Daniel) Gossett was going to be a handful in an elimination game. That is not the prize that you want to draw. Every run was precious, and we had to make plays. When you get out of a jam like that, you feel like you can push some more across and have them chase us. The home runs were mistake pitches, and those happen but the two-out home run preceded by the nine-hole walk was the back-breaker of the game. That is demoralizing to your team, and you can't fight back that deep against a staff like Clemson.

On the defensive miscues...

Extra outs are not a category that you want to be leading in in baseball. Our communication was poor a couple of times, and dropping a ball right at you is just a lack of concentration in the outfield. There are all kinds of ways there we didn't communicate up the middle. We dropped a pop-up in the first when it got lost in the sun. So, it was kind of a funny defensive effort by us because we have been pretty solid defensively all year. You just cannot give a team extra outs in a regional much less in the regular season and especially not Clemson.



Senior catcher Grant Nelson

On the experience of playing in a regional...

It was a great experience, and you don't take it for granted because not a lot of teams reach this level. It is unfortunate because we want to win. We don't just want to compete and give a good effort. We want to make it to a super regional. It was a great experience with great crowds and good energy, so I am definitely thankful for it.

On getting out of the inning with bases loaded in the third inning...

For us to get out of that inning was big, especially with the pitch that our pitcher made. He painted a fastball inside, and I wasn't looking at the radar gun, but I heard he hit 93. That was huge for me as someone who is out there calling pitches and that gave me all the confidence in the world. We came back out, and we didn't make plays and didn't make pitches. You end up having to challenge a guy, you serve up a pitch and he did what he had to do. He took it yard a couple times.

Senior right fielder Alex Kelly

On the experience of playing in a regional...

I am thankful. It was a blessing. It didn't end the way we wanted it to, but we are grateful for the opportunity. We knew we had to play our best ball coming in here to win, and we didn't do that and didn't execute as well as we wanted to. It is tough and hard to swallow at this point, honestly.

On the approach facing Daniel Gossett...

Go up there and be aggressive early. We knew that he didn't walk a lot of guys, and we had to stick with the approach we have had all year. Get the leadoff guy on and go from there. We got a one run lead there in the first, and we just didn't make plays to keep so it was tough.