# 2015 Big Ten Baseball Tournament - Quotes



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# **Indiana Head Coach Chris Lemonis**

## **Opening Statement**

"Proud of our guys, the way they played today. At this point in the tournament, and even since day one, you're playing a really quality opponent. I think lowa is one of the better programs in the country right now, and for us to come out that way and beat a quality pitcher, I thought we did it with a great start, great defense, and some timely hitting. It was a great effort by our guys."

## On bouncing back from a losing streak:

"A part of our losing streak was that we were missing some guys that were a bit part and that put some stress on other guys. We got a great group. I've said this locally back in Bloomington, that I'm thankful as a first-year head coach to have such a great senior class that held it together and the program means a lot to those kids. They just weren't going to let it fall. That's where their mindset was and they were just going to keep fighting, believe me. We took some on the nose, we took some on the chin, but they just wouldn't give in. I think that attitude now has made us a really good team, because we went through a hard schedule and some hard times."

## On what Logan Sower's skills show"

"I think everybody knew, coming out of high school, Logan could hit and there was a little bit of swing and miss, which we can see in some strikeouts every once in a while. I've been so impressed by his maturity. He hasn't played like a freshman all year and, in the last couple weeks, there have been some big home runs by Logan Sowers. He's a really good defender. He's a really good base runner and not just a power hitter, but he has some pieces of his game that are advanced beyond being a freshman, which is exciting, and I think that's why he's able to step up in some of those big moments."

## **Indiana Outfielder Logan Sowers**

## On his grand slam:

"I laid off some good pitches early and got a good hitters count. I was looking for a fastball and he left it up a little bit. I just put a good swing on it."

## On if he thought the hit was a home run:

"I didn't even think home run actually, because I had squared up a ball yesterday and I thought it was going, and it didn't go out so I was running pretty hard, actually."

# **Indiana Pitcher Christian Morris**

## On coming back from a shaky start in the season:

"This season's been interesting. Coach encouraged me to keep going and keep fighting it. This game's funny. It humbles you here and there. I didn't want to be the person that didn't help the team out, so I wanted to keep going, keep fighting, and be the best I could be for my teammates."

## On what he might have changed technically for today's game:

"A little over a month ago, I changed my mechanics, getting back to what felt the most comfortable and just trusting in my stuff and myself and my defense."

# Indiana Infielder Austin Cangelosi

## On his triple:

"He left the ball up. I think he was trying to get me to chase high, left it out over the plate, and kind of got into it a little bit. I was just thankful to get the big hit and get things going and Logan took it from there."

# On putting the pressure back on lowa:

"It was obviously a big at bat. Playing lowa, where they swept us earlier in the year, they're never going to go away, so getting the three runs early and just pouring it on them because these guys aren't going to quit. They're one heck of a ball club over there. This Big Ten Conference is no joke."

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#### Iowa Head Coach Rick Heller

#### **Opening Statement**

"Today is probably a little more about how well Indiana played rather than anything we did. They came out hot and they swung the bats extremely well and they pitched well. Even when we did make good pitches, they seemed to find a way to find the ball. They had a couple guys who were big time chart breakers today and it's kind of how the day went for us. We didn't too much offensively but the at bats were quality but couldn't quite find the holes between people. It was theirs."

#### On Calvin Mathews performance:

"As a coach, Calvin is one of your favorite guys because he is dealing with things like his shoulder and some other injuries that he never ever talks about and doesn't complain about. A lot of guys would have hung it up and gotten surgery which would have taken them out of baseball. The work that he has to do in the offseason and the work he has to do in between starts is three times more than anyone else just to be able to get out there and take the ball."

#### Iowa Redshirt Senior Jake Mangler

#### **O**n what is means knowing that tonight is the end of the road and they'll be playing next week:

"It feels awesome. From where we started when I got to campus five years ago to where we are now, it's been a complete culture change and a complete change with every guy that's been along with me. This does hurt, these past couple of weeks have been different than we've been all year, but we just need to find where we were. We don't have a lot of baseball left to play so I'm looking forward to giving it all I've got.

#### How they'll overcome this adversity:

"I think every situation is a little bit unique, we have been in those situations before but, I think we just need to get back to the basics and figure out what we were doing when things were going really well and get back to doing those things and being the lowa team that we are."

#### Iowa Junior Calvin Mathews

#### On what he thinks about the game today:

"I definitely tip my hat to Indiana. I felt like my command was there and I was hitting both sides of the plate even though I fell behind when they were able to get their grand slam. I did feel really good out there today though and I don't think I've changed anything. I just need to go out and compete again and see what happens."

#### **Iowa Junior Tyler Peyton**

#### On his confidence on both sides of the ball:

"Pitching wise, I felt like I had the greatest command of the season with my fastball and just knowing that in my my last start, I had that, is a big boost to my next appearance."

#### On how to regain confidence:

"I think we just have to wipe it away and remember what we've done so far this season, what has helped us win all these games and we just have to let the loss go and think about where we're going to be at next week and worry about that game and keep the same approach to each game we've had this year."