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UC Davis vs. Stanford Game No. 5 - Quotes Sunday, June 1, 2008 Stanford Regional Stanford, Calif.

UC Davis Head Coach Rex Peters *Opening Statement...*

I thought we had the game where we wanted it. We had the lead going into the ninth, we just didn't finish. They put up a big number on us. It is asking quite a bit to come back from that.

On UC Davis fighting back...

We have been doing that all year. We have been battling back late in games all year. We have been competitive and found ways to win games. I am not surprised that we battled back and got a lead. We just struggled to have big innings all weekend. We had some opportunities to break some games open with some big innings, like Stanford had, but we just never got one all weekend long. The only big hit we had was Hudson's hit in the first game. Everything else was just single runs. That keeps you in a ballgame, but we never were able to back someone in the corner all weekend.

On the experience for their young players...

That is what I told them at the postgame meeting. I told them I was really proud of the way they competed all year and the program really turned a corner in a lot of ways. I am glad that the older kids got a chance to experience this and hopefully the younger guys can take this experience and learn from it and become better players.

UC Davis Pitcher Justin Fitzgerald *On the at-bat to Brett Milleville in the ninth...*

I just tried to keep the runner close at first and then fell behind 1-0, which is something I usually don't do. I usually like to get ahead. I threw him fastball and he put a good swing on it and hit it over the fence. I challenged him, that's what I do, I don't like to walk batters.

UC Davis Catcher Jake Jeffries *On bases-loaded situation in the first where UC Davis got only one run...*

We get in those situations we have to take advantage with quality at-bats. That could have been an inning where we pulled away.

On Stanford pitcher Jeffrey Innman...

He had good stuff, good movement on his fastball. His off-speed stuff was pretty good, but his fastball was his best pitch. He kept us off-balance by changing it up a lot. He pitched backwards a little bit.

On remembering the season...

You are not going to remember what you hit or anything like that; you will remember how far we got and how we battled throughout the season. I am really proud of my teammates and how we battled all season. We had so many one run ballgames that we won and games that we came from behind to win to get us here, I am just really proud of our team.

On Starting Pitcher Bryan Evans...

He looked good, he had good stuff. I think that it was a quality start out of him and he pitched well enough to win.