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Stanford Quotes

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Stanford Head Coach Mark Marquess

Opening Statement:

"It was a very fruitful day for us. Obviously the first game against UC Davis was a great college baseball game with us playing well and especially pitching well. Jeffrey Inman pitched one of his best games of the season and some really clutch hitting keyed by Brent Milleville's home run in the ninth. It was a great game and we were able to come back an hour later and beat a very good Pepperdine team. We were fortunate to get some runs early and got a complete game by freshman Danny Sandbrink who pitched a great game. We got through 18 innings and only used three pitchers, which is what we really needed to do today. It's been a long day, but we need to be ready to come back tomorrow and play one more.

On Sandbrink:

"We felt he was a pitcher who was capable of going deep into the game for us. We didn't necessarily think he was going to through nine inning for us, but we knew he was capable of pitching well for us. He got the big lead early and threw the ball over the plate and really had a strong command today. It was a huge effort on Sandbrink's part.

On battling back from Friday's loss:

"As a coach who has coached a little bit you always get surprises, some good and some bad. This has definitely been a good surprise for us the way our team has battled back because we were picked sixth or seventh in the Pac-10 and have been able to get this far. The expectations nationally were very low, so I am very proud of them this season and how we are now in position to win this regional. This year has been a lot of fun and we have been in most of the games we have played this year. We have had a lot of guys battle back and play hard this year and this has been a year where we have had a lot of guys contribute to our success.

On tomorrow's starter:

"We will see who is available tomorrow and go from there. We have a lot of guys who can pitch tomorrow and should be ready. I think Storen will be available, I have Stringer, Pracher and Hancock and we are in good shape. We have plenty of arms, but Pepperdine has plenty of arms as well including their big closer. It is such an advantage to win those first two games as you play one less game.

On Davis tomorrow:

"It all depends on how he is pitching; he might tell me he might not be able to go. He will let me know tomorrow if he thinks he can be effective and we will go from there. It is all about how everyone feels at this time of year.

On the left side of the infield:

"Our two freshman have been so good for us on the left side of the infield. A big key for us this season has been our defense and that has been a result of us improving our overall play. Zach Jones has been great for us, he is a converted catcher and has really learned his new position well. He can make plays for us and Jake Schlander has been making plays all year at shortstop. We made a couple of silly errors today, but overall it was very good baseball and Cord Phelps also made some really nice plays. Today was just a great environment for us and it helped our team to play in front of a lot of great fans.

Stanford First Baseman Brent Milleville

On his clutch home run against UC Davis:

"I was up in a big situation and I was trying to hit a line drive because I didn't want to hit into a double play. I got a fastball and I hit it, I wasn't thinking too much and I was just able to hit the ball well. After I hit it I knew it was going to be a home run, which got me pretty excited.

On the momentum:

"Momentum is huge in baseball, so when one guy starts hitting, usually the whole team starts hitting and seeing the ball well. I think it helped us out a little bit against Pepperdine.

Stanford Outfielder Toby Gerhart:

On the momentum:

"We haven't been swinging the bats well for most of this tournament, but we were able to get the five runs in the ninth inning against Davis and we have really showed that hitting is contagious. It really opened the floodgates and carried over to this game and hopefully it carries over to tomorrow.

On his 4-5 performance:

"I have struggled a lot this year, but lately I have been taking some good batting practice and have been working hard and today I saw the ball well. I definitely feel like I am hitting my stride and things are going good now.

Stanford Pitcher Danny Sandbrink

On the early runs:

"Getting those early runs was so huge tonight as pitching is much better when you get the early lead. I was able to attack the plate more and I was really hitting my location tonight and had a chance to get some outs.

On his mindset:

"I just came into the game thinking one pitch at a time and one inning at a time. I wasn't thinking two innings down the line and I just wanted to locate my pitches and work on putting up zeroes on the scoreboard.