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Pepperdine vs. Stanford

Game No. 7- Quotes

Sunday, June 2 2008

Stanford Regional

Stanford, Calif.

Pepperdine Head Coach Steve Rodriguez

Opening Statement...

I am proud of how our guys came out and competed today. We got the start that we really needed out of Robert Dickman, he came out and really did a great job for us. The amount of walks we gave up obviously hurt us. Four walks in an inning really hurts. A ball that should have been a sac fly that gets up in the wind stream and goes out, really ends up being the difference in the game. I am very proud of our guys. They did exactly what we needed them to do, we just came up a little bit short.

On Chase d'Arnaud's tournament...

He did a great job, that is why he is one of the best players on the west coast. I don't know a lot about all of the guys in the east, the Midwest, or the south, but he is one of the best third baseman that I have ever seen. He is going to have a hell of a professional career. He did exactly what we needed from him today.

On playing without Eric Thames...

We have a .400 hitter not playing. He almost had a quadruple-double. He had double digit home runs, doubles, two triples away from ten, and those stolen bases. Then he has a .400 average, he is one of the best hitters that I have ever seen. I don't know how the whole draft is going to work with his injury, but if we get that guy back next year, I will do whatever I have to do.

On if he felt comfortable when it was 4-0...

No, we knew it was going to be one of these games because of the way that the wind was blowing today. Anything that you got up in the air was scary. Even offensively, we get a guy on base and a guy hits a pop-fly and we got a chance for it to rattle off the wall or even get out. We knew that six runs was not going to be enough.

On if he thought the at-bats late were quality...

Yeah, we hit a line drive off the pitcher's stomach, hitting balls at guys, the deep ball to left-center that gets caught. That is just part of what makes baseball a great sport.

Pepperdine infielder Chase d'Arnaud

On the early lead...

It was just one of those games that was an emotional rollercoaster. We got off to a great lead up 4-0. We were feeling high and mighty, but we know that they are a really good hitting team and we saw that last night. We knew that we had to put more runs on the board and we did score with them, but they ended up just scoring more.