

NCAA Men's College World Series
Game 1 Quotes (#4 Florida St. vs. Stanford)
Hall of Fame Room, Rosenblatt Stadium
Saturday, June 14, 2008

Florida State Head Coach Mike Martin

(Opening statement)

"This was one of those games, you talk about a roller coaster... We were excited as can be when we tied it up in the home run, but then the wheels came off. But you have to give credit to Stanford, they hit the ball around and got it done in that last inning."

(On the confidence of shortstop Tony Delmonico after committing three errors)

"This game will humble you sometimes; this day just wasn't our day. Tony is a big part of our team and our success so far and he will bounce back."

(On why he elected to bring in Buster Posey to pitch in the top of the ninth)

"That was the guy I wanted on the mound in that situation; if I had to over again, I would do the same thing. We had just got the momentum on our side, and Buster was the guy I was comfortable with on the mound."

Florida State second baseman Jason Stidham

(On the range of emotions his team went through in the final inning and a half)

"We really went through a lot late in the game. We hit the ball hard to tie the game up, and then you go out there hoping to get three quick outs and go back in to hit. Things just didn't go our way today."

Florida State designated hitter Tony Oravetz

(On where the team goes from here)

"We've got our backs against the wall again. We've been in this situation before – we lost the first game in both of our other playoff series, so we've been here before."

Stanford Head Coach Mark Marquess

(opening statement): "It was a long game. Luckily we came out on the good end of it. I thought Jeremy (Bleich) pitched a great game. We wanted him to stay between 75 and 80 pitches. It was a great atmosphere and great crowd. It was a good win for us. I didn't think we swung the bat well. I thought that had to do a lot with the left hander (Matt Fairel)."

(about facing Georgia or Miami): "I don't know match ups given all that's gone on lately. I have two days to get the match ups. I'll find out in the next 36 hours. I don't take a lot of stock in it. I have to make sure my guys are ready to play."

Stanford centerfielder Sean Ratliff

(about approach at the plate): "He threw a slider away and I was able to keep my hands back. I was trying to put a good swing on the ball."

(about hitting approach): "In the late innings we're never concerned about the score. We're as comfortable in the late inning as in the early ones. We're as good as any team in the country in putting together a string of hits."

Stanford relief pitcher Drew Storen

(about bases loaded situation): "Buster (Posey) has had great at bats this season. Big hits in big spots. I was trying not to give into them. If he was going to get to me it was going to be with my slider. I was fortunate I got two outs."

(about whether he could have pitched the 9th inning): "Yeah, I could've thrown the ninth. Actually I was a little tired, but fortunately our bullpen is deep."

Stanford left fielder Toby Gerhart

(about hitting): "Hitting is contagious. Once it gets going, it gets going. As long as we put the ball in play, we think it is going to break out."