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**Virginia Tech Baseball
Head Coach John Szefc Q&A Highlights
Game Four Presser
June 4, 2022**

Opening Statement:

“Obviously, [it was] a really good night for our guys. You know, it's very rare to see a score like that in an NCAA Tournament game. But you know, our guys played really well, so I'm just kind of happy that obviously with the outcome and the fact that our guys have put themselves in a really good position to come out here and win a regional tomorrow at home. It's a very rare thing, so we won't take for granted and we'll be ready to go tomorrow. [I'm] just happy that the outcome was what it was tonight.”

On personnel decisions after the big fourth inning:

“We were trying to keep the game as wide as possible. We wanted to get some strategic guys out of the game. The first guy we talked about taking out was Cade Hunter because he's calling an awful lot. We were just trying to manage the game from a pitching perspective a little bit too. We wanted to try and get guys in the game. We're trying to not use guys that most likely would pitch tomorrow, whether it be as a starter or out of the bullpen. It's a little bit of a juggling act but it's not that hard.”

On Hurley and Schobel's step forward this season:

“First of all, I think they're good enough to make a jump. Both of them will play the game for a long time when they leave college and get paid to play as pros. I think to Jack's point, they both played every day as freshmen. They were thrown into the fire last year and had a lot of successes and some failures as they went through some growing pains. They're seeing the fruits of their labor right now as we are as a team.”

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SS Tanner Schobel Q&A Highlights
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On what enabled him to have a bounce back game:

After a bad game, you just can't let it affect how you play the next couple of games, especially in a regional. You can't let one game affect your whole outcome. It's like hitting and defense. If you have a bad at bat, you can't carry it out into the field or if you make an error, you can't carry it out your next at bat. It's just kind of like flushing the bad stuff and keep moving forward.

On what has helped him take a step forward this season:

I think it's mostly just sticking to the gameplan and being more patient than last year. I think last year I kind of got excited and just trying to do too much for my role. I think this year I've kind of adapted into my role and I've just not tried to do too much.

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RF Nick Biddison Q&A Highlights
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On the fourth inning:

Their starter is pretty good. Very similar to the UNC guy. Once we started scoring that many runs it was really exciting. We were excited to get a couple across to start and then it just started piling on. Any time you score that many runs in one inning it's very exciting.

On what makes the lineup special:

You've just got guys top to bottom. Looking at the stat sheet, I'm not even sure who came in. I think we used everybody off the bench. Gehrig Ebel, I think he might have 20 at bats on the whole year and he hits a home run. We have guys top to bottom, most the guys you guys haven't even seen take at bats yet. I think that having all of us on one offense is very dangerous. And coach [Kurt] Elbin wants us to hit the ball hard. Swing the bat hard. That's what happens.



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LF Jack Hurley Q&A Highlights
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On what makes the lineup special:

If you look at our lineup top to bottom, there's guys that hit the ball. Pretty much everybody can hit above 100 [miles per hour]. If you do that as many times as you can, it's going to be a pretty good night.

On if he's ever struggled with the lights in left field:

I wasn't feeling any sympathy pains for him. Left field here is pretty tough. The wind is always going. The sky? I don't think I've ever had a problem. Knock on wood, but I don't knock on wood. It hasn't been too much of a factor this year. Hopefully we keep that going.