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Virginia Tech Baseball
Head Coach John Szefc Q&A Highlights
Game Two
Saturday, June 11

Opening statement:

“I think obviously—probably a really fun game to watch for a lot of people. [The game had] a lot of offense, a lot of different pitching changes. I think it was like an exercise in toughness for our guys. They showed you how tough they are [and] how good they are, again. They’ve been showing that for a long time. A lot of different contribution [from] DeMartini, Hunter and Biddison. Hurney was tremendous, among others. Higgins was good, too. We’ve got a lot of guys that contribute, but again, you don’t get to this stage with one or two guys. Just happy for our guys that we get to host a game three at our place. [I’m] happy for the fans [and] I really look forward to tomorrow.

On what his message is to the team:

I just keep saying the same thing. Advice-wise, if you get caught up in the emotion that Carson’s talking about, you’re done. We’ve got a lot of stale toast in our dugout. Stale, dry toast. The drier the toast, the better the performance. If you’re going to go up and down on a roller coaster or a ferris wheel, it’s not going to be good.

On Biddison’s early homerun setting the tone:

I mean, it was good that that happened and it takes a little bit of the air out of the balloon so to speak. A guy like Nick [Biddison] has been here before in these types of situations and he can handle whatever you throw at him situation-wise, but it was in the first inning and we’ve got a long way to go in a game like this. This is every bit of a marathon, as any one of these NCAA Tournament games are, but it was important for us to get off to a good start. He gave us that good start and it was good from there.



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P Jonah Hurney Q&A Highlights

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On how he felt about his pitching today:

“I think I did a pretty good job. Just trying to do the job, execute pitches, and trust my team behind me.”

On his comfort level with a five-run lead:

“I’d say it’s the same mentality. It’s more or less just about trusting my teammates who’ve got my back on the field. When we get into hit, we expect to put up big numbers and do damage. It’s just about trusting everybody”

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IF Carson DeMartini Q&A Highlights

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On what the mindset of the team was going into a must-win game:

“Nothing really different than the way we came into the game yesterday. Coach Szefc always talks about not making it more than it is. It’s still a baseball game, those guys are as scared to play us as we are to play them. Nothing really changed between yesterday and today, it just fell our way today and we’re going to go out tomorrow with the same mindset.”

On the emotions of going into tomorrow’s game

“Growing up, we play to go to Omaha. It’s one of the dreams I’ve had and I’m sure a lot of the other guys have. It’s probably going to be a little emotional, we’re going to play with some fire. We’re just gonna try to stay on the same ride, not on the roller coaster of emotions, just as plain as possible.”



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On what enabled them to swing the bats well:

"I think we were disciplined; swinging at pitches that we should, looking for balls over the heart of the plate. With our guys, we can put the ball out at pretty much any part of the field and that's what we did."

On whose idea it was to bring out the hammer:

"It was him [Carson DeMartini's]. If you're going to take away what the Hokies are, we're just gonna do it anyway in a sarcastic fashion"