

# **NCAA Division I Baseball Championships**

## **Raleigh Regional**

### **Army Game Two Quotes**

**Head Coach Jim Foster**

**Opening Statement:**

“That’s what we do. We try and put pressure on the defense. The guys did a nice job. Gio (Tyler Giovinco) pitched a great game. That’s been the recipe all year: pitching, speed, and defense. We try to stick to what we do, and it was nice to get a 1-0, 2-0 lead so that you can stay aggressive. I thought it was a good baseball game. It was good defense, good pitching, good base running. Obviously we did the little things, and that kind of made the difference.”

**On the team’s game plan for Auburn:**

“Just hang in there against (Casey) Mize. He’s an outstanding pitcher. He’s probably going to go No. 1 overall (in the MLB Draft), so I know he’s got a big day on Monday. I’ve coached two guys that have gone first round over the years, and it’s a tough situation to be in when you’re pitching in a big game for your college team but your lifelong dream is going to come true the next day or the day after. You’re kind of torn. I’ve had pitchers pitch in Regionals and Super Regionals that were in that situation, one position player and one pitcher, and it’s tough. That’s about the only thing we’ve got going for us because Mize is ridiculously good. He’s so talented. He’s got a tremendous arm, and we’re going to have to hit the fastball. If we don’t hit the fastball, we’re in trouble.”

**Jacob Hurtubise, OF**

**On scoring from second base early in the game:**

“That might’ve been a first for me. On the pitch, I was stealing, so luckily I got a head start. It was kind of a slow roller to first base, so when the first baseman tossed it, he kind of lollipopped it over to the pitcher who was covering the bag. I saw the pitcher had his back turned to me, so once I saw that and the throw to the pitcher, I was able to just take off and use my speed to get to home plate and score. It was a great feeling.”

**On the early run giving the team early confidence:**

“I’ll just say that one of our goals as a team every game is to score first. Being able to score in that way, it was just a big momentum play going forward throughout the game. It gives confidence, showing us that we can do this. In that regard, it was huge for us and for the team going forward.”

**Tyler Giovinco, P**

**On the early run giving the team early confidence:**

“For me, it was just huge getting us that 1-0 lead. It relaxed me a little bit knowing I could just go out and play my game and not worry about our offense trying to hang with them. It was huge for me to see that and know that I could go out there and do me and be just fine.”

**On what was effective in keeping NC State off balance:**

“Off-speed was a really big key. I showed fastball a lot, but the big thing was working the off-speed and getting ahead. They’re a pretty good offense, and just being able to use my off-speed and show the fastball when I needed to was really big for us.”

**On being able to get more aggressive throughout the game:**

“I could see they (NC State) were trying to swing early, and changeup became a huge part of the pitch calling. Using that really early in the counts, they were jumping at it and (I was) able to get ground balls and early contact and get some outs.

**Jon Rosoff, C**

**On going on to face Casey Mize and Auburn:**

“We just did the same thing day by day. We faced another pretty good arm earlier in the season (Shane McClanahan), so we have a little bit of experience facing a top arm. (We’ll) just stay in our routine, having a good play, and just controlling those motions. Don’t ride the highs, don’t ride the lows, and just have a blast.”