

NCAA Division I Baseball Championships

Raleigh Regional

NC State Postgame Press Conference Quotes

Head Coach Elliott Avent

Opening Statement:

“I just want to congratulate Army, I thought they played outstanding. We had a great scouting report; watched them all week. We knew their lefty was good and knew if he was on, we’d have problems but any lefty that could locate a fastball to any side of the plate as well as he could and command the strike zone; he was always strike one, strike two he was always around the strike zone. He walked two and then got the sac fly from Shane; he was lights out, good off-speed pitches and they were opportunistic. They got a couple runs, I looked up one time and they had two runs on two hits and I thought we played okay; hit some balls hard, just couldn’t string them together. I want to congratulate Army and I thought everyone they threw tonight threw very, very well.”

On what he told the team in the locker room

“They’re so, I don’t want to use the word down, but that was a tough a game. When guys go out and pitch like Army pitched and you thought you had some chances and hit some balls hard but don’t have much to show for it, you kept thinking you’re going to get back in the game but make another run. I didn’t say much, I just told them the only thing they can do is eat dinner, hop in the shower and get to bed because we’ve got to come out here and play in the heat tomorrow against Northeastern, whose pitching their ace. Neither Auburn or Northeastern pitched their number one pitcher so we’re going to see a lefty; he’s pretty good. I think he had a no-hitter almost to the ninth inning against Auburn earlier in the year so we got our hands full tomorrow. We been a resilient group all year; they just need to shower, eat and get in bed.”

Will Wilson

On the key to facing pitchers like they faced today

“I think the big thing for us is getting the scouting reports and talking to Coach, knowing the guy behind us can pick each other up and not getting down on ourselves, looking for good pitches to hit and taking pitches we can’t get a good swing off of.”

On having confidence to bounce back from the loss

“Justin told me earlier, its baseball and stuff doesn’t always go your way. You’ve got to keep pushing through and we’ve been a resilient team. Like Coach said, we’ve got to keep coming out and playing our hard-nosed baseball we’ve been playing all year.”

Evan Edwards

On the importance of getting off to a good start

“Just like Will said, we’ve got to back each other up if someone isn’t doing well. We’ve got to back each other up.”

On if the team is still confident

“Yeah, we’re a great ball club. We’ve worked hard preseason and in the fall; we’ve got to come out tomorrow and play our game.”