



2019 NCAA SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

OXFORD REGIONAL • MAY 17, 2019 • GAME 1

LOUISIANA 3, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 2

GERRY GLASCO • LOUISIANA HEAD COACH

OPENING STATEMENT

"It was an interesting game. I'm proud of the girls for figuring out a way to win. I think we can play a lot better. I didn't feel like we played anywhere near to the level or potential that we should play at. I'm just really proud for figuring out how to win and come out of that game with a win in spite of a lot of misplays on our part. I didn't think we executed well. I thought Summer (Ellyson) pitched a great game. I thought our defense was solid. We just can play better and I know the girls know that they can play better."

ON POTENTIALLY BEING OVERAGGRESSIVE

"There was a difference between being aggressive and stupid on the bases, and we were stupid on the bases today. We just have to calm down. I just think everyone was too hyped up, people trying to do too much. My message after the game was just breathe deeper and take more breaths. I was amped up. I really got amped up for this game today. In the first two innings I was like, 'You need to breathe.' I really want to win. Sometimes you can want to win too much, and I think our kids were kind of a reflection of that."

ON THE POSTSEASON MAGNIFYING MENTAL ERRORS

"When you're in a regional, everything is magnified, and the fact that if you make those mistakes you're not going to score very many runs. We ran ourselves out of two or three innings. We had a chance to have a leadoff batter on, we had a chance to have first and second with one out. When you make those mistakes you run yourselves out of any opportunity to have a high scoring game if you're trying to keep the game close. We're just lucky to have made as many mistakes as we did in an NCAA Regional today, and be able to stay in the winner's bracket."

#19 LEXIE COMEAUX • LOUISIANA DESIGNATED PLAYER

ON THINKING ABOUT LAST YEAR'S REGIONAL IN RELATION TO HER CLUTCH PLAY TODAY

"I didn't really think about last year's regional. I'm trying to be more present in every game, in the moment, and enjoying it because this is my last year. So this is my favorite time of year. I don't know what it is about regionals, but I just get so relaxed and just ready to play the game. I think it's because we feel the most prepared at the end of the year. You start preparing for regionals in September. (I) just felt really calm. I didn't have the best at-bats before I got the hit, and I knew my team needed me in that moment and that it didn't need to be a home run. A lot of times when the moment is up you just want to crush the ball and hit a home run, but I just knew I needed to get a base hit. I just shortened up on the bat and wanted to attack anything that was coming over the plate and it ended up working out for me."

#22 ALISSA DALTON • LOUISIANA SHORTSTOP

ON WHAT TO IMPROVE FOR TOMORROW

"I think just taking a breath and trusting ourselves. We know we put in the work — probably more than anybody in the country — and we know that we have nothing holding us back, and have the potential to go anywhere we want to go as long as we step back and take a breath. This is a game we've been playing for 10-plus years, so there's no reason to press just because it's a bigger stage."

#9 SUMMER ELLYSON • LOUISIANA STARTING PITCHER

ON CLOSING OUT THE GAME IN THE SEVENTH

"My game plan doesn't change no matter the hitter. We're never trying to walk anybody, always trying to get ahead first-pitch strike and all that. I just had to trust my coach and what he was calling. I knew my defense would have my back no matter what. That's just how I play the game."



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"I thought our kids competed really well out there on the big stage, and it's kinda the first time for us. We certainly faced a really good team, great pitcher and I can't say enough about our players and how they went out there and competed. I thought defensively we did a phenomenal job and gave ourselves a chance there. Our short game just wasn't quite there. You're not going to get a lot of people on base, and when you do, you gotta try to move them. We just went out there and battled."

ON HIS MID-BAT STRATEGY

"Yeah, it's something that sometimes that we try to do to balance out the opposing pitcher and something about the last quarter of the year we tried to do a little bit. At the same time I think it gets inside the catcher's and pitcher's head a little bit. You gotta be careful about how much you can do that but in certain situations. We're just trying to do something to balance it out and give ourselves a chance."

ON SOUTHEAST'S BASERUNNING AGGRESSIVENESS

"If you look at our stats, we got a lot of triples on the year, and I think that's one of the things our players have done so well at: putting pressure on the defense. And that's a prime example of being aggressive, and it paid off for us right there."

ON TOMORROW'S MINDSET BEING AN ELIMINATION GAME

"We were just in this situation last weekend, and I don't think we've been swept all year long. We're not treating it any different tomorrow. We're just gonna go home tonight, get something to eat, watch some video and get prepared for tomorrow and come out here and try to battle and compete in that game and survive it and go on to the next day."

#2 RACHEL ANDERSON • SOUTHEAST MISSOURI CENTER FIELDER

ON HER GREAT DEFENSIVE PLAY IN CENTER

"Honestly, I personally didn't see her running, but we have this rule called 'no-doubles' and that was just going through my head. Cutting the ball off and throwing to two, and trusting my teammates to make a nice solid tag."

ON THIS BEING SOUTHEAST'S FIRST TRIP TO NCAA'S IN 20 YEARS

"It was just like a dream come true, you know, mid-major school, we have to go through and win our whole conference more than likely to get in, so it's always been our goal to win the conference to come here and play."

#7 MYKAELA ARELLANES • SOUTHEAST MISSOURI RIGHT FIELDER

ON HER PITCH SEQUENCE PRIOR TO HER HOME RUN

"She was pitching me mostly inside, so I figured she was just going to stay in the area since I wasn't swinging at it at first, so it was definitely something I was looking for."