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UC San Diego Head Coach Eric Newman

General comments on the series-opening win:

"I thought we played really well. We gave up the one big inning, but they are a team that can get hot offensively. We have to do a better job of controlling the big innings. If we control the big innings, we stay in control of that game. Our pressure offensively was really good. Our at-bats were good for the most part throughout the game. We executed when we needed to. I was happy with the way our guys came to play today."

On Ryan Goodbrand's incredible shutout string to open the season:

"Goody's fantastic. At some point, those things are going to come to an end. I think the one thing Goody has to learn from this, and I don't know if this happened or not, but sometimes you start to protect a 31-inning scoreless streak, and instead of minimizing the damage to one run, you give up five, and all of a sudden your team is in trouble. We'll talk about it, and he'll learn from that because after he lost the (shutout) streak, some of the pitches he made were 'I don't want to give up another run' pitches, instead of just doing what he normally does."

On how much the team's early energy could be attributed to Ryan Goodbrand:

"I think there's something to that, although to be honest, I thought our guys really made a change this week in practice. We got back to being that pressure offense team that we were early in the year. You could tell. We made some adjustments in our plan, we made some adjustments in our batting practice, and it got a lot better. You could see it getting better through the three days of practice. So yeah, I do think guys feel a little better when Goody's out there, but I think our offense just felt like they had a good plan, felt good about themselves, and came out and did it."

Senior Starting Pitcher Ryan Goodbrand

On his outing:

"It was definitely a good team win. I was feeling good early. I felt good near the end, too. I just struggled a bit and kind of let everything speed up on me. I need to slow down personally, but the bullpen came in and did what they do. They cleaned it up for me. I expect that from them, and they expect it from themselves. It was a good team win. Everybody played really well."

On this past week, coming off of a tough series loss to Cal State Dominguez Hills:

"We take every game (seriously). It doesn't matter who we're playing. It was a rough series (against CSUDH), but we just needed to get back to the basics and become a tough team like we were in the past. That's basically what we stressed, is coming back to the fundamentals and becoming a tough team again throughout this week. It showed tonight. We hit adversity, and everybody stepped up and did their job."

On whether his shutout streak was weighing on him at all:

“Not during the game. When I’m in the game, I’m trying to give my team a chance to win. If it’s shutting guys out, great, but I’m not out there trying to throw up zeroes every time. I’m not thinking about it during the game. I’m just trying to keep minimizing damage, give my guys a chance to win, get back in the dugout and swing the bats. It wasn’t in my head during the game tonight.”