

## UC San Diego vs. Cal State San Bernardino Quotes, Apr. 25, 2013

### **Senior Starting Pitcher Ryan Goodbrand**

*On his final home appearance:*

"I definitely battled. I didn't have my best stuff again, but I just tried to keep my team in the game and give them a chance. It was close when I came out, 3-1, and then they just came in (and rallied). They were putting good at-bats together all night. It just wasn't paying off. Then in that seventh inning, it just kind of clicked for them. Good at-bats up and down the lineup. It wasn't sporadic. It was just one guy to the next. They put up a four-spot, took the lead and never looked back. (Chad) Rieser and Zemo (Scott Zeman) came in, shut the door and that was it."

### **Junior DH Justin Rahn**

*On his night at the plate:*

"All night, we were hitting balls hard, and we didn't really have anything to show for it, but we just kept sticking with our approach. That's what I did. I stuck with the approach and the balls are going to start finding the gap, balls are going to fall, and hits are going to come."

*On again finding the hole on the right side for an RBI single in the eighth:*

"That's the 'Rahndo Special', just that gap right by the first baseman. I mean, I probably have 30 hits there this year."

*On the team's mindset going into the final three innings down two runs:*

"The key thing is not to press. Just stay within yourself. We'd been hitting balls hard all night, and we just needed to keep hitting balls hard. Eventually, they were going to fall. That's what we did, and that's what happened."

### **Junior Relief Pitcher Scott Zeman**

*On his success closing out games:*

"I've just really been focusing a lot on executing pitches. I'm not trying to do too much, and not trying to be too fine with certain things. It's really helped me stay focused and stay locked in on what I'm trying to do. Just be locked in and ready to go. Pretty much be able to throw any pitch that Coach calls and be able to execute it."

*On being able to close out such an important game for his team:*

"It was huge. Especially coming off last weekend (at Chico State), where we were able to win two, it's given us the momentum that we need for this playoff push. Just like pulling out the win tonight is going to give us all the momentum for the rest of the weekend. If we can come out tomorrow and win again, we'll be set for Saturday."

### **Sophomore Relief Pitcher Chad Rieser**

*On his eighth inning when he struck out the side:*

"Goody (Ryan Goodbrand) threw an awesome game. He went out there and gave us a chance to win. Once we went up by two runs, (Scott) Zeman and I just knew that we had to put it away. When I went out there, I was calm and collected, executing pitches, away from the lefties, and everything felt really good out there. I was just making pitches and luckily it turned out how it did."

*On what's been working best for him this season:*

"Generally, it's been the fastball away. It's a different mindset that I've been able to have (this year). (Head) Coach (Eric) Newman and (pitching) Coach (Rob) Avila have been working with me a lot on it. It's just staying within myself when it comes to facing lefties, staying away and controlling that outer half with the fastball. That's basically what's been working for me so far."

### **Freshman Infielder Andrew Hobson**

*On getting the four-run seventh going with his pinch-hit, two-strike single:*

"I knew that was a big spot that I needed to come in and get the hit, or at least get something going for the inning, knowing that we had three innings left and were down a couple of runs. I went up there, went to my two-strike approach once I got down (in the count) and just tried to put something in play. It went into the outfield and started it off so it was nice."

*On the feeling of rallying to get Ryan Goodbrand the win on the mound:*

"It felt great. Knowing we got Goody that win and the fact that we really broke through those last few innings hitting, it was awesome."