

UC San Diego vs. Cal State San Bernardino Quotes, Apr. 26, 2013
Senior Night

Senior Starting Pitcher Ryan Goodbrand

Reflecting on his two years at UCSD and fellow seniors:

"It has definitely been special, something I really was excited about being a part of when I came here last year. I got to learn from some good seniors last year, and we carried it over. We got guys like (Richard) Seigel, (Danny) Susdorf, (Richard) Kilbury, all of us, (James) Mossholder, (Sam) Michaels, (Scott) Liske, (Jonah) Northrop, it's just been fun playing with everybody. I'm going to miss it next year, and it's definitely a group of guys that I'm going to stay friends with for a long time."

On his senior season on the mound:

"I had a pretty good season. I underachieved to my standards a little bit, but it was fun being out here with the guys, even when I wasn't doing my best over the last couple of weeks. They kept me up, kept supporting me through all my ups and downs. I've been working my butt off to try to help us get into the playoffs, which we still have a chance at. We have (six) more games. Hopefully, we'll get there."

On the current crop of Triton underclassmen and the future of the program:

"This is going to be a very talented team for the next few years. Troy Cruz contributed a lot to us this year as a true freshman. Blake Fassler was really good on the mound. We looked good at the plate. We got Andrew Hobson, who looks pretty good. You got Nick La Face coming back next year. He'll be the senior leader, and he's a guy that you want in the middle of that lineup every game. There's a lot of bright spots, in the rotation, in the bullpen with (Chad) Reiser, so, they look good."

Senior Relief Pitcher Richard Kilbury

Reflecting back on his four seasons as a Triton:

"It's been a pretty life-changing experience, from start to finish. I've been really lucky to be a part of a program that really takes pride in all the tradition, all the alumni coming back and everything, and I can't wait to be a part of that. It's just been great to meet all these guys, a great group of guys year after year after year, and have a chance to compete and play well."

Senior First Baseman Richard Seigel

On his sixth-inning RBI single to get the Tritons on the scoreboard:

"It was a lefty-lefty match-up for me. I don't really see that very often. I just tried to stick with our plan. I got jammed, but was able to just muscle it in (to center field) for an RBI."

On his two seasons in a Triton uniform:

"I transferred in last year, and with the coaching (change), I didn't really know what to expect. I've had a blast the past two years. These are some of my best friends. I wouldn't trade this for the world."

On his fellow seniors:

"It's just a great group of guys. Never too high, never too low, whether it's on or off the field, we always have fun together. I'll miss these guys."

On whether he can attribute his power surge in 2013 to anything in specific:

"Just working with (hitting) Coach (Jonathan) Johnston in the fall, every day, refining the approach, getting me into a position where I can use more power. Last year, I was hitting in the two hole, so it was more of a get on (base) and let (Garrett) Tuck, (Nick La) Face and (Justin) Rahn behind me drive me in. This year, I've been put in the three, four, five hole, it didn't matter. I've got guys on (base ahead of me) and I'm just sticking to an approach and driving people in."

Thoughts on the future of the program:

"Lots of young talent. The coaches are doing a great job recruiting, and there are a couple of guys coming back from injury that will be able to contribute."

Senior Centerfielder Danny Susdorf

On his final game inside Triton Ballpark:

"It's crazy. Time flies really quick. It was kind of hard to play there at the end, just realizing that the innings were ticking down and the outs were ticking down, but I've had a great four years here. It's been a blast. UCSD has offered so many opportunities. I'm just thankful for everything that they have done."

General thoughts on the season to date:

"The season, it's been a grind. It's definitely tested us mentally, physically, even spiritually. It's definitely been the hardest season, at least on me, and I think the whole team. Things haven't gone the way that we had hoped, and we're just trying to play our best games the next six games."

On his fellow seniors:

"I played with Rich (Kilbury) all four years. He's been so consistent. He's come out, done his job. He's been a lefty specialist and he's owned it. I've been with (Scott) Liske and Jonah (Northrop) also for all four years, and actually played with them for three (both redshirted as true freshmen), and they are both great guys. They put in the work, and that's all you can ask for. Liske's had a great career and Jonah's made the most of his opportunities."

"(Richard) Seigel and (Ryan) Goodbrand came in for us last year and they were such a huge part (of our program). Seigel has been a huge part of our offense this year, probably I would say our best hitter. He's really come into his true character. Ryan's Ryan. He's a bulldog. You know what you're going to get when he comes out. He's going to pound the (strike) zone and he's going to give you a chance to win."

"Then Sam (Michaels) and Moss (James Mossholder) also. Moss has been one of the best pinch-hitters I've ever seen in my life. He comes in and he always does a great job. He always owns the moment. Sam's had a tough year this year. He's had a bunch

of injuries, but he's owned every opportunity that he's gotten, and last year, he was so rock-solid on defense. Some of the plays he made, I was amazed at because I thought for sure they would be doubles down the line or singles in the hole, and Sam would grab (the ball) and throw it to Seigel (at first base). They're just a great group of guys. It sucks that the games are dwindling but I wouldn't have played with any other seven guys."

On the future of Triton Baseball:

"Our coaches have done a great job of recruiting. I always see a new face every day. There is no doubt in my mind that they will find a way to replace us eight and they will keep the Triton tradition of winning."