

No. 18 UC San Diego vs. No. 9 Chico State Quotes
2014 CCAA Championship - May 8, 2014

UC San Diego Head Coach Eric Newman

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Senior Infielder Garrett Tuck

On the offense coming around as the game progressed:

"The biggest thing we did was we just stuck to the plan we've had all year. We weren't getting runs in the beginning (of the game). We weren't doing what we wanted to do. We were hitting balls hard, but things weren't going our way. We stayed with it, and finally some balls dropped and we got some runs."

On how he has felt at the plate of late and his ninth-inning at-bat:

"I feel fine. I tried to not make it that big of a moment (in the ninth). We were tied, and I knew if I got out, nothing terribly bad was going to happen. We were just going to keep playing, so I just took it as another at-bat, and it went my way."

Junior Starting Pitcher Trevor Scott

On his night on the mound:

"It's obviously a great feeling to get the win. My job as the starter is to keep us in the game and keep it close, and when I hand it to the bullpen, just hope that we can pull out a win in the later innings. It's a joy for me to get the call in the first game (of the conference tournament), and really exciting that we won."

On the performance lately of fellow upperclassman Garrett Tuck:

"Garrett Tuck has been huge for us the second half of the season. He struggled early, but has really picked it up and had some huge, clutch hits. That has to be his third game-winner or something like that this year. He's a senior. He works hard, and it shows. He has the experience to get it done. It's exciting to see him succeed."

Senior Relief Pitcher David Hart

On his night:

"Whenever I go out there, I try to execute pitches, keep my team in the ball game and give them a chance to win. Especially when we had the first and third (situation) with one out (in the seventh), trying to get that double-play ball, I executed a good slider on the outside half, and I got him to roll over for it."

Senior Closer Scott Zeman

On coming on to close the victory out in the ninth:

"It was exciting. Once (Garrett) Tuck came up with that big hit in the last inning, I knew the momentum had changed, to say the least. I knew everything was going the right way for us, and I believed that things were going to come out in our favor."

Redshirt Freshman Outfielder Brandon Shirley

On his home run:

"I knew I had to get on base. I saw a pitch that I wanted. My plan was to look for a fastball. That's what I got. I just swung hard, and it went."

On whether he knew it was gone:

"When I hit it, I never know that it's over until it's actually over the fence. I knew I got it. It felt pretty big, but I was not sure it was going out."

On having such a big impact in his first career postseason game:

"It feels really good. At the beginning of the year, I didn't know I was going to be playing this kind of a role on the team. It's cool to be playing that role now. I just love being out there, and it was a good day today."