

2015 NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Los Angeles Regional · Game One · #2 Ole Miss vs. #3 Maryland

Final Score: Maryland 3, Ole Miss 1

Jackie Robinson Stadium · Los Angeles, Calif. / Friday, May 29

GAME QUOTES – MARYLAND

Jim Belanger, Maryland Associate Head Coach:

Opening Statement

"I thought both starters were really, really good today and competed. When you get to big games, you get really good pitchers early, and I just thought we got one more big hit than they did in that first inning. I thought (starting pitcher) Mike (Shawaryn) did a really good job when they got first and second and made some quality pitches. I thought we played great defense today, and that was a big thing for us. We took some runs off the board with our defense."

On the bullpen moves

"Rob (Galligan) has always been our guy we go to in the middle of the inning. He has a good breaking ball, throws a lot of strikes. He's always been that mid-inning guy for us. Obviously he's going to come in facing the lefty. We went with Bobby (Ruse), who's been throwing the ball well in the bullpen lately. He's an older guy who's pitched in the postseason in big games. This umpire ... his zone was really good, and I felt like we needed a guy who throws a lot of strikes."

On the possibility of playing UCLA tomorrow

"It's awesome. Anytime you can play in the postseason it's wonderful. But at the end of the day we've got to do our job, get a good start, make plays and get timely hits. When you do that, you have a chance to beat anyone."

Mike Shawaryn, Maryland RHP:

On his performance today

"I didn't have my best stuff today, but I competed well. My fastball wasn't there all the time but I was able to compete with it, and when I needed it, I could go back to it. That last inning, it kind of got away from me, but I had trust in Belanger and the whole bullpen to get the job done. Coming out of the game, I had full confidence in Rob and Bob."

LaMonte Wade, Maryland RHP:

On what they saw from the Ole Miss pitcher

"We knew he had a good breaking ball, we wanted to take something away from him. We just did what coach has been telling us all year - just sitting on the offspeed pitch until we get a fastball."

On his leaping catch in the 8th inning

"I saw it come off the bat, and it was over my head. (Left fielder) Tim (Lewis) and (right fielder) Anthony (Papio) did a great job communicating with me and I jumped and made a good play on it. It would have gone out."

GAME QUOTES – OLE MISS

Mike Bianco, Ole Miss Head Coach

Opening Statement

"It happens a lot in our game. This one wasn't hard to figure out. I thought Mike Shawaryn (Maryland) pitched terrific. There's not much to say, we didn't get a hit after the first inning. We opened it up a little bit with some walks, which were very uncharacteristic for him, but we were not able to get the big hit when we had a runner in scoring position."

On the performance of his starting pitcher, Christian Trent

"I'm proud of him. That was probably his worst outing for sure of this year and maybe of his career at Ole Miss. But he hung in there and gave us everything he could. He really didn't have command of his fastball today and pitched a lot off his breaking ball and change-up. He hung in there and certainly gave us an opportunity."

On changing the mentality of the team heading into an elimination game

"I don't think it is something we will try to change. The reality is you lose another one and the season is over and everybody is aware of that and knows that. You hope that they don't play with that mentality and play more like you are supposed to play all year, pitch to pitch. But we have to play with a little more fire. Credit the way Maryland played, I don't want to take anything away from them. But we need to play better in all phases, in pitching and in offense."

Christian Trent, Ole Miss LHP

On the trouble with his command today

"It was on the fastball command, mainly. I just wasn't getting ahead and wasn't able to do what I needed to do and they capitalized and did what they were supposed to do. I felt really good, I just wasn't making the pitches."

Austin Knight, Ole Miss Catcher

On the pitching performance of Maryland's Mike Shawaryn

"Like coach (Mike) Bianco said, he gave us some opportunities but we couldn't really capitalize on them. He did a great job of pitching today. That's what he's known for and that's what he's done all year and last year. You tip your cap to the guy, but offensively, we need to do better."