



FAYETTEVILLE NCAA REGIONAL

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Arkansas vs. Nebraska

POSTGAME QUOTES: ARKANSAS 6, NEBRASKA 2

WILL BOLT, Nebraska Head Coach

RE: Comfort Coming Into The Regional

"I would say so. Especially after going through a season like this, like no other where we haven't played a road game with more than just a handful of fans in the stands all year long. We went toe to toe with one of the best in their ballpark and there's not many environments that are gonna be tougher to play in the country than this one. Just the heart of this team, what they've shown all year long is their not gonna get rattled by much."

RE: Looking Ahead

"I think you can see what the best looks like when you come here. You see one of the best ballparks in the country, an unbelievable game day atmosphere. Just the way they support this team and obviously how talented Arkansas is and there's a reason they've won every series in the SEC this year and are SEC champs. We've seen what the best looks like, so that's a good start. Our guys have gotten pretty close here to getting to the next level, and got to a regional final for the first time in a number of years. We have to build on it. I think the future is certainly bright and the seniors and the upperclassmen have built a pretty solid foundation for what's to come."

RE: Arkansas Pitcher, Kevin Kopps Outing

"Pretty surprised. I've never seen anything like it and as long as I've been involved in college baseball, to have a guy that's able to go out there and compete at such a high level in such an environment on this stage and to do it over and over again. There's a reason he's a national pitcher of the year. The guy is just, he was incredible today. Early on, I thought maybe he's not as sharp from being a little tired, but I thought he just got better and better as the game went along and made big pitches. I thought maybe we had our shot there to get a two out hit in the fifth inning, he got off the field and that was it."

RE: Pitching Options

"We talked about it last night when we got back to the hotel. Cade (Povich) wanted the ball and felt like we wanted a left-handed arm on the mound. We wanted to try and stay left-handed if we could, with him just throwing over 60 pitches on Friday we knew that would be a possibility if that happened if we got to Monday. We wanted to give him the ball. I thought he gave us everything he had. He got a little tired there at the end and unfortunately a couple of innings have gotten away from us the weekend and that was the difference in two losses. Just the walks and wild pitches."

CADE POVICH, Nebraska LHP

RE: Pitching On Short Rest

"After the first game Friday, with my pitch count being so low it was kind of a thought that I might come back to one of these games, whether it was a relief or starting today. Yesterday's, when that kind of started making headlines, I had a chance to come in relief last night if absolutely needed to. The dudes in the bullpen and our whole staff stuck it out and Schwelly (Spencer Schwellenbach) did an unreal job and then after the game Coach Bolt came up and asked if I wanted to throw the ball and I said 'Absolutely.' That's kind of how it all came around."

RE: Fatigue

"Early on, I felt really good. I felt fresh and when you have the adrenaline, it's such a big game to start. You're not really thinking of all that. All that stuff makes the difference. I think towards the end; I mean I couldn't tell you the last time I pitched on two days rest. I think that last inning I threw was kind of when I was leaving balls up and wasn't really as sharp as I was and that started to play a factor."

RE: Weekend and Program Overall

"It's a brotherhood. It's gonna hurt for a little bit because this team is so special. The fact that we went from not being in the top six in the Big10 and being counted out by pretty much everybody and making our way through the losers bracket and beating Arkansas, making this game seven happen tonight. It's been an honor to play with these guys and the ones that are moving on, they are going to be missed and I can't thank them enough for everything that they've taught me and taught everybody else."

"It shows you that we're here. We're not going anywhere and I know Coach Bolt and the rest of the staff and the guys coming back, everybody is gonna be there. This won't be forgotten. This feeling won't be forgotten. I think the only way for this team is up. We're here and we're gonna be here for a while."