



**June 2, 2012**

**Stony Brook University**

**Postgame Press Conference**

**Head Coach Matt Senk**

*Opening Statement:*

"Wow. What an incredibly intense, hard-fought game. First, I must commend Coach Rooney and Central Florida on their play tonight. That was a toe-to-toe, straight-up fistfight. They found a way to come out on top. I could not be prouder of my team tonight. They could have many times not fought back in that game. And they did. They kept fighting. For that, I can't thank them enough for their effort tonight, their effort all year. It was something that, as a coach, I don't know if you could ask any more from your team to keep battling the way they did. I'm extremely proud of these two young men and the rest of my team for fighting tonight."

*Thoughts on the game:*

"I can't be prouder of a group of young men than this team for their effort tonight. It was just outstanding. To keep coming back and coming back is a credit to each and every one of them and the make-up of this team. I told them that because of that effort, after we get a good night's rest, if there's a team that can come out of the Loser's Bracket it can be us, based on the makeup and effort of this team."

*On why he thinks his team can rebound:*

"I think their resiliency comes from a confidence level and there's an experience level from this group. They feel confident. They know they've been in these situations before and because of that, they're going to keep playing and playing until the final out takes place. I think that's probably the two things that come to mind, besides just their mental toughness and their resiliency, is their confidence and their experience."

**RHP Brandon McKnitt**

*On the team's performance:*

"Our team did great. It's a little bummer to come out short. Out hitting was amazing. Defense was there behind me. They made one mistake, and that's how baseball is. Overall our team played amazing. I can't really say enough about those guys."

*On allowing two homeruns:*

“Two sliders that got a lot of plate. When it gets a lot of plate against a good-hitting team, it’s not going to be very good. I thought that was the right pitch at the right time, but I just didn’t execute.”

**OF Travis Jankowski**

*On the similarities between SBU and UCF:*

“We both have pretty good speed on the base paths and out of the box. Both have strong pitching. There was one error committed in the game. We stress defense and UCF does as well. Not many differences in our games, which is why I thought it was such a close game.”