



**June 2, 2012**

**University of Central Florida**

**Postgame Press Conference**

**Head Coach Terry Rooney**

*Opening Statement:*

"Tonight was another outstanding college baseball game. Another one-run game - as a baseball team we've had 21 of those this year. Tonight once again was just two outstanding teams competing like crazy. My hat's off to Stony Brook. What an outstanding baseball team. It's the first time obviously we've played them all year. Tremendous amount of respect for the way they play the game, how well coached they are. We knew going in it was going to be a battle. We did. And that's what we got. From our standpoint, we had a bunch of 'clutch' plays, as we call them, in all different areas. I couldn't be prouder of the effort of our kids tonight."

*On being in the winners' bracket:*

"It's where you want to be as a baseball team. You want to put yourself in a position that someone wants to beat you twice. At the end of the day we have to play one game a time, and that's the truth. We talked this afternoon at our team meal, and I told the kids we're going to have to find a different way to win. I really believe that. Tomorrow we're more than likely have to win another way. They have to be prepared for it."

*On the team's confidence:*

"I can tell you and I can assure you the confidence within this team and the consistency in which they play the game has been there all year. They're at a point where they expect to win this regional. They do. That's what everyone's mindset has to be. It doesn't mean it's going to happen, but that needs to be the mentality. These kids came in here on a mission."

**OF Alex Friedrich**

*On his game-saving catch:*

"That last play, off the bat it sounded pretty well but I thought he might have gotten jammed a little bit. I knew the wind was howling out to right, so I took a couple steps back because I didn't want to get burned over my head. I heard Ronnie [Richardson] talking to me the whole way, telling me, 'Room! Room! Room!' And then I heard gravel and he said, 'Fence! Fence!', so communication helped right there. I have to give credit to Ronnie for talking me through that play."

*On the importance of team defense:*

“Defense wins championships. We feel like we have good enough bats that we’ll put up runs, and we have pitchers that will put the ball in play for us, so obviously every pitch we have to be in it. You never know when the ball is going to be hit to you. We did really well defensively today.”

**OF Jeramy Matos**

*On his homerun pitch:*

“They got on, those runners on first and second. I was looking for an off-speed pitch, because that’s what they’ve been throwing me. I took the fastball before, saw the hanger and then threw my hands. I realized that it was hit pretty well.”

*On seeing an increase in off-speed pitches:*

“It’s been a little tough. But I’ve been really trying to let the ball get deep. I have quick hands, and I don’t realize that sometimes. I’ve been working with Friedrich, because they throw me and him similar. We’ve been working on going opposite field and letting the ball travel.”