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University of Central Florida

Postgame Press Conference

Head Coach Terry Rooney

Opening statement:

“First of all, I’d like to commend Stony Brook on an outstanding game. They beat us in every facet of the game tonight. What great teams do is take advantage of opportunities and mistakes. There’s a reason they’ve won 49 games this year. They’ve got an outstanding club.”

On his message to the team:

“The message first and foremost was everything you want to accomplish is right in front of us. I explained to them what we need to do in order to put ourselves in position to win the game tomorrow. We don’t have to do anything out of the realm out of what we’ve done all year. They pitched better, hit better and played better defense. As Ronnie [Richardson] said, tomorrow we need to play the game fundamental. We just need to tighten everything up a little bit, and swing the bats better. Offensively we need to get it going. Stony Brook is an outstanding offense club. It’s time for our offense to start clicking and put together double-digit hits and crooked innings.”

On moving DJ down in the lineup:

“D.J is a great player. He’s a preseason All-American. He’s been struggling a little bit as of late. I moved him down in the line-up to hopefully create a few more opportunities. When you know you’ve got a player of the presence and reputation as DJ has, as an opposing coach you’re still going to pitch him the same regardless of where he is in the order. DJ did a nice job today.”

OF Ronnie Richardson

On what went wrong:

“We had to play from behind all game. We didn’t take advantage of our opportunities. We can’t do that against a great time like Stony Brook. Those guys can swing it well. Once they took the lead, they never looked back.”

On playing from behind:

“It was tough. We were one hit away from having a big inning. When they responded [in the

next inning], it pretty much sealed the deal. That's what great teams do, when someone scores runs on you they go out and score more runs."

IF D.J. Hicks

On how to rebound:

"Make sure we have the right mindset tomorrow. We'll soak this in the next couple hours, but we're going to flip it and get ready for tomorrow.

On a big night:

"I haven't been doing too great as of late. The season comes to an end, only a few games left. I told myself just to relax and see the ball better and stop trying to do too much. I did that today, just have to carry it over until tomorrow."