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Stony Brook University

Postgame Press Conference

Head Coach Matt Senk

Opening thoughts:

"First thing is I'm very tired. I can't imagine how these guys feel. Secondly, this is getting to be like a broken record. It's what comes to mind. Just how proud I am of this team. They are resilient and tough and are just playing the game at an extremely high level right now. Every once in awhile when they let down a little bit, they bounce back. I'm so proud of them. I'm so proud of the university we represent. Stony Brook is an awesome place. This doesn't happen without the backing of a great university, starting with our president. Our athletic director, our administration, just everyone at Stony Brook. I can feel it all the way down here that there are so many people pulling for us."

On the fatigue factor:

"We're concerned with [the fatigue factor]. Coming off that game in the beginning, we were as fresh as you can be despite the number of innings we're playing and weather conditions we're playing in."

On the availability of Tyler Johnson:

"He absolutely wants to pitch tomorrow. Tyler got up a few times and got up to the bullpen and got loose. I haven't made a decision as to who will start the game. But, as we said prior to preparing for the first game, it's all hands on deck. The guys that were called on today did a fantastic job. I know that every one of the other guys would love the opportunity to get the ball tomorrow."

On the importance of responding:

"That was huge to answer back. That's been a big part of our success this weekend. I think we've done that at a very high rate this weekend, and that's obviously lead to a big part of our offensive success."

RHP Jasvir Rakkar

On emotions:

"Right now I feel great. Our team gets to play tomorrow. Get to play that 'if necessary' game. I was really speechless about my emotions on getting the win today. I'm just glad my team was able to pull it out."

On his effectiveness:

"I feel like I was able to throw all three pitches for strikes. I was around the strike zone my team. I trust my team, so I try to challenge hitters as much as I can. The guys behind me, I trust them to get the outs."

IF Courtney Hawkins

On his productivity in the nine-hole:

"It feels great being down there to turn the lineup over to Travis [Jankowski] at the top of the order. Then the guys one-through-six are absolute studs."

On the team's momentum:

"Right now we're on a pretty big roll; 24 of our last 25. We're feeling pretty good for ourselves."