

FSU Head Coach Mike Martin

Opening statement...

"I think there were a lot of positives for us to take away from this. I think, so many times, we really forget what this guy [CJ Van Eyk] did, and Georgia is a good baseball team. They are very talented, very well coached, and CJ pitched a whale of a game. It was certainly nice to get key hits and key plays. Salvy [Mike Salvatore] had a lot to do with that and Timmy [Becker], of course, had another exceptional night. But I think as we, Florida State baseball, have to not only remember, but be aware of is that this tournament is a long way from being over. We know that. We know that the host school will be playing tomorrow, and we know we are going to have to have the same effort in order to accomplish what we want to do. But this was certainly an encouraging game for us, but as a friend of mine used to say "we just can't eat the cheese". We have to keep getting better. We have the approach tomorrow's game with the idea of getting better. Let's hope that we can get the effort and a starting performance from our pitcher."

Senior Mike Salvatore

On approach to Georgia starter Emerson Hancock...

"I think it was just trusting the people around you and the guys behind you, and knowing your roles on the team. Get on base and trust each other in certain situations. We were staying within ourselves and having fun playing."

Sophomore CJ Van Eyk

On pitching in the big games...

"It was definitely a huge game for us tonight. I try to just keep the same energy each time I pitch. No team is going to phase us or phase me, so I was just keeping the same energy, keeping my head down, and getting the win for our team."

Senior Tim Becker

On seeing Georgia starter Emerson Hancock well...

"From the get-go, we knew he was a dog on the mound for sure. He is a great pitcher. We were just trying to attack him early and get ahead in the count. We did that well in the first inning and just kept it going."

Georgia Ike Cousins Head Coach Scott Stricklin

Opening statement...

"First of all, I thought CJ [Van Eyk] threw the ball really well, and we knew coming in that it was going to be a challenge. He's got excellent stuff, and his breaking ball was outstanding, both with the change-up and fastballs-- 95-96-- so he was really locked in. I thought he pitched really well. We had a little bit of momentum early. Tucker [Maxwell's] home run, and we had a 2-0 lead, and we just couldn't hold on to it. I thought [FSU's] hitters really did a good job on Emerson [Hancock] laying off some tough pitches and making him really, really work. You know, bottom line is they kicked our tail. They got the best of us tonight. That's why it's a double elimination tournament, though. We've got an opportunity to come back tomorrow. We'll play Florida Atlantic at noon tomorrow, and we'll do everything we can to win that game and try to get another shot at Florida State tomorrow night."

Sophomore Emerson Hancock

On what went wrong on the mound tonight/what about FSU's approach threw him off...

"I just felt like they had a really good approach against me. [They] made me throw some tough pitches got me. There were a couple counts that kind of made me get behind that I had to fight back into the count, but they're a really good lineup with really good hitters, and they had a really good approach."

Junior Tucker Maxwell

On how he feels about his team's ability heading into tomorrow...

"Our pitching is built for this. We have the depth throughout the whole team, and all we've got to do is come out and play the same game we've been trying to play, not trying to do anything too much."