



Louisiana State Quotes
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2018 NCAA Super Regional Softball Press Conference

Beth Torina, LSU Head Coach:

Opening Statement:

"A really hard fought game I thought by both teams and you'd expect nothing less this time of year. There is no easy road, easy path. I just spoke with my team telling them that it's never over until the last out is played. A lot of respect for what Florida State did in the game and then just really proud of our team, proud of our offense. I thought Amanda Doyle set a huge tone for us with the home run scoring first. I thought that was a big moment for us. Our offense played really well, our assistants did a great job making sure they were prepared for the game."

On the game being a little different than expected:

"I think I said that yesterday that it seems like it's always the opposite of what you think it's going to be. This time of year, the paper doesn't matter, the stats do not matter, none of it matters. It's just everybody wants to win; everybody plays hard so the game doesn't know. You just go out and play as hard as you can and I just think you never know what you are going to get this time of year."

On ending Kylee Hanson's night early:

"She is really talented. I think she is really special and her spin is amazing. I have never seen her in person really before, but I got to stand behind the plate a little bit. She is really talented and the fact that our kids were able to do that was a credit to their preparation and their ability. She is very talented and I am sure it won't be the last time we see her this week."

On Michaela Schlattman being able to turn it on recently:

"You know she is a transfer so I think she has grown up a lot this year. She hasn't played against this caliber of a schedule before in her career. She is not a freshman, she has a lot of at bats, but I think she has grown into this role by the at bats that she's had all year long. I think she is a great human being, a great person, she has done every single thing that we have ever asked of her and I think that is paying off for her right now."

On how the possible doubleheader tomorrow changes their plan:

"I don't think it changes much of anything that we do. We will show up and play it one pitch at a time whether it is seven innings, 14 innings, whatever it is. We are going to attack it one pitch at a time."

On whether she feels more comfortable compared to last year:

"No. You are never comfortable this time of year. There is no comfort in this. They are here for a reason, they have won these games for a reason, they are ranked what they are for a reason, so there is no shot that anybody is comfortable at any spot when you are in this time of year. We are going to play confidently, we are going to attack them and I am proud of our effort, but we are going to play until the last out and I am sure they will make it interesting until the last out.

On the message to the team after going up 5-0:

"I think there is always that message. I think it is important that you're continuing momentum with your offense. I think that is huge, it's the biggest way to keep momentum, I think it is just continuous offensive pressure. You see how big that sixth run was that we scored at the end. At the time it didn't seem like much, but that hit by Taryn Antoine proves to be one of the biggest hits of the entire game. I think we got to continue to score and continue to keep pressure on them anyway we can."

On Carley Hoover closing out the game:

"She is really good in those situations; she is made for that. She is just that great competitor and a ton of fire, a ton of grit. She has done that for us her whole career, so she likes those moments, she is good in those moments and we are confident in her in those moments.

Amanda Doyle, Infielder:

On how much easier it was to go through the lineup after the home run:

"Scoring runs first is very important especially for our team, it gives us a little bit of confidence. Me scoring first definitely was really important for us. We came out in the fifth inning and Michaela [Schlattman] started it off hitting another home run and that was great."

On her home run:

"I was just seeing the ball well, so I got a pitch that I could drive. Off the bat I didn't know it was a home run, but once I saw it over it was a great feeling knowing that I scored for my team and that we scored first."

Allie Walljasper, Pitcher:

On her performance tonight:

"Florida State was great. They came out prepared and it was just a few missed pitches I had pitched, but I am thankful for my defense behind me and our hitters today showed up. It always seems like they have my back when I need them and I always have theirs when they need me."

On whether this night felt different compared to games they had during the season:

"Yes, both teams were very prepared. It is postseason like Coach said, and every team is coming out here wanting to win anyway they can and that is exactly what we did here tonight."