

## **Oregon State Beavers Head Baseball Coach Pat Casey**

### **Opening Statement**

“In that particular game today VCU was the better team. We did a lot of things, we didn’t make very many adjustments and we were unable to put any threat up.”

### **What does the team do in the next hour before the game?**

“Hopefully they get themselves ready to go. I’ve lost a baseball game before and been in this position. It’d be good to come out and play better baseball. It’s not a matter of getting better; it’s a matter of playing better.”

## **Oregon State RHP Drew Rasmussen**

### **What was VCU able to do against you in the fourth inning?**

I just elevated pitches with two strikes, they hit mistakes, and I got frustrated and didn’t make an adjustment like coach said.

## **OPENING STATEMENT FROM VCU Head Coach Stiffler**

“It was a good ballgame. A lot of credit to Oregon State and again to the depth and the quality of their arms, and the depth and quality of the arms in this regional are stunning at times. I am really proud of our guys and thought we did a real nice job with their starter. When he gave us pitches to hit, we were on attack mode, and that started from the first inning. We were ready to go. And then from there, it was about Heath Dwyer. He did outstanding tonight and was able to keep them off balance. And then we were able to hand it over to Danny Concepcion and he threw his final eight outs. Exciting night for VCU to be sitting up here with these two seniors, and what they have met to this program and to be 2-0 in the regional, A-10 champs, is kind of a surreal moment for me.”

### **Coach Stiffler highlight quotes**

#### **What is the mindset coming into tomorrow’s championship game?**

“We have to take this thing one game at a time. We are not looking ahead at the Super Regional or anything like that. There are two very good baseball teams left in this tournament, and whoever we get to play tomorrow, we will have our work absolutely cut out for us. Tomorrow will be the most challenging baseball that any of us have played in our lives.”

#### **With the day off Saturday, how much do you think it helped the team?**

“You know I think a little bit obviously, got our two bullpen arms a little bit of a break. We were able to get them back. I can tell you though, yesterday I wanted to play. We were coming off a big win on Friday night, and I think these guys wanted to play and we didn’t want to sit around

the hotel. So I don't know if it helped or not, but I am very proud of them keeping their edge and being able to play and ready to go."

## **PLAYER QUOTES**

### **Heath Dwyer**

**Can you explain over the past 10 day span, starting from winning the A-10 tournament, and to where you are now; how you have been able to build success after success and be in this position to possibly enter a Super Regional?**

"We put our backs in a corner a little bit. With a couple weeks left at the end of the season, we needed to start winning, and we did. We stepped up our game and just got on a roll. Once we realized we were playing at our full potential and things were going good for us, we knew that the sky was the limit and we knew what kind of team we were. I am just happy to be playing like the team that we are and it feels good to be getting all of these wins." (Dwyer)

### **Vimael Machin and Heath Dwyer**

**From a defensive standpoint, how important was it to turn those big double plays and know defensively that you can make those when they matter several times throughout the day?**

"To be honest we have been playing great defense all year long when it comes to ground balls, especially with men on base. If a pitcher allows a runner, we play confident with them, so when they make that pitch and there is a groundball, we can turn a double play." (Vimael Michin)

"As a pitcher when a runner gets on base, we are trying to throw that groundball, because we know that we can trust our middle infield and our infield to turn that one groundball into two outs. It creates a lot of confidence in a pitcher to know that you have a stellar infielder like Vimael that can create double plays, and it is almost always a guarantee." (Heath Dwyer)