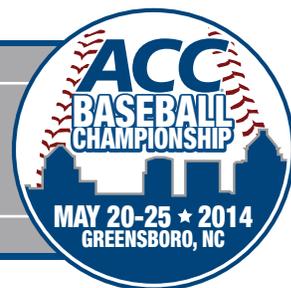


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DUKE

THE MODERATOR: Coach, an opening statement?

COACH POLLARD: First of all, give a ton of credit to Clemson. I thought they played great, and I thought Crownover was really, really good for them. He's a tremendous competitor, and they did a great job getting clutch hits, obviously, the clutch hit in the fourth and a clutch hit again in the 9th inning.

I thought Michael Matuella pitched a tremendous ballgame and certainly gave us a good enough start to win the ballgame. Nick Hendrix did his job coming out of the pen. And Ryan Deitrich had good at bats. The difference in the ballgame was up until Chris Marconcini hit the groundball to first base with one out in the ninth, we didn't have an infielder make a play all day. We were content to pop the ball up in the air. We talked about the importance of forcing their infield to make plays, and we didn't adjust as the game went on, and that was the difference in the ballgame.

Q. Tell me what it was like to be in your first tournament postseason game, and what you learned from it today?

MICHAEL MATUELLA: Yeah, definitely playing today, trying to treat it like any other game. Clemson is a good team, and they put some good strings on the ball and pitched really well. I would say it's fun to be out there, but obviously, not the result we wanted. We'll need to improve in the next two games.

RYAN DEITRICH: Yeah, we were hoping to get out of the game, but a fifth year senior having played a postseason competition, it was a lot of fun. It was awesome.

Q. Michael, it seemed like you had a lot of success the first time, but after that, what adjustments do you think they made?

MICHAEL MATUELLA: I think they started sitting on my fastball. My fastball started to get elevated a little bit. When that starts to happen, it didn't move as much, and they put a lot of good swings on the ball today. I have to do a good job getting the ball down and mixing it up a little more. But a lot of credit to Clemson.

Q. Michael, did you notice a lot of first pitched balls and notice at one point they had like five first pitch swings with four runners getting on base. Was there an adjustment you needed to make there?

MICHAEL MATUELLA: Yeah, in the fourth and fifth started to get some runs. After that, they were mixing it up. But like I said, that was kind of them seeing I was throwing fastball first pitch pretty frequently. So I have to do a better job mixing it up.

Q. With the loss today, do you feel a little more pressure trying to make a statement to try to get into the NCAA Tournament?

MICHAEL MATUELLA: Obviously, we need to win these next two games. I don't think we're going to feel more pressure, necessarily. I think we're going to take it one pitch at a time. We know we can beat any team if we play to our abilities. I don't think there is any really pressure added to us.

Q. I mean?

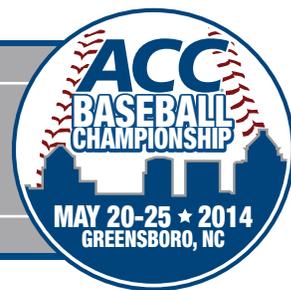
COACH POLLARD: What we've got to do first and foremost is get back to playing good baseball. If we do that, I think to Michael's point, it will take care of itself. If we start to press and feel like we need to make some sort of statement, I think we can find ourselves in here having the same conversation.

Ultimately we've got to make a good adjustment with our offensive approach in batting practice tomorrow which will lead to better results, more runs across the board. We had some opportunities today, and we just didn't have the right type of offensive approach to take advantage of it. I like our match ups. I like our ability to pitch well the rest of the way.

We've got two veteran starters going for us in the next two ballgames, and it will be a matter of us being able to

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make some adjustments at the plate. If we do that, I like our chances.

Q. Ryan, Michael, given what happened out there today, do you feel like you let one slip away? That game was there for the taking.

MICHAEL MATUELLA: Yeah, we were down 3 2, and we were still in the game up until the last inning and the last at bat. It was a tight game. But we never feel like we're out any game. It's been our kicker all season as a team. We've come back before, and we're not afraid to do it again.

Q. What do you think was leading to the pop ups when you wanted to get the ball down in the infield?

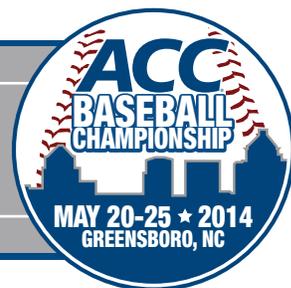
RYAN DEITRICH: I think the pitcher did a really good job of hitting his spots and mixing speeds. I think that had a lot to do with it. He had a pretty good changeup. But it goes back to our approach in batting practice and getting on top of the ball and hitting line drives.

COACH POLLARD: I agree. When I say talk about our offensive approach, I don't take anything away from Crownover. I thought he pitched great, and he's a tremendous competitor. And he was able to run two seam away from us at times. But we need to do a better job of hitting with our top hand, and do it with whatever we need to do.

Sometimes there is a willingness when you get in the batter's box to say, look, I'm going to force myself to get on top of the baseball and hit a hard groundball and not allow yourself to be underneath the baseball.

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CLEMSON

THE MODERATOR: With me we have head coach Jack Leggett, Tyler Krieger, and Matthew Crownover. Coach, an opening statement?

COACH LEGGETT: It's a competitive ballgame from start to finish. I thought the offense did a really good job in the fourth and fifth inning where we grabbed one run and then two. And Tyler's big hit down the right field line. We had two outs, it was a big hit for us. Then we had a big hit at the end by Steven that gave us the insurance runs.

All along the way, Matthew Crownover was excellent for us. Nine strikeouts, one walk, he was all around the plate all day long, and really just hit two balls hard off him. I thought he was very good. He's been pitching like that for us all game long.

Q. Tyler, after the first time in the order you guys started hitting on the fastball.

TYLER KRIEGER: Our game plan going in was we were going to have to be aggressive and get on the fastball and make sure our swings were crisp. I think obviously any time you see a pitcher the second time through, you're going to get a better idea of what he's got. I think he pitched an awesome game and has a lot of talent. We just seemed to make the adjustments when we needed it.

Q. Matthew, what was working for you?

MATTHEW CROWNOVER: Fastball command is my game. When I can feel my fastball whether it be my two seam or four seam, the changeup worked a lot better. Really worked on throwing a lot more of the swing and miss changeups this week and contact changeups and that really worked for me today. Threw a lot of strikes and got ahead. It was important because they know it's going to be a strike, so my changeup with my fastball really helped me out today.

Q. Jack, clutch hitting is something that hasn't always been there for this team. Did you feel confident that it would come around eventually?

COACH LEGGETT: Yeah, I've always thought we have a really good baseball team. We won a big game the other day, and I think that gave us a lot of momentum and confidence in what we're doing. We've played through a tough schedule along the way, and this is another tough ballgame for us. Every game we play in the ACC is tough. There isn't anything easy about it. But I've always believed in this team, and the team has always played pretty consistently for the most part.

We did get some big hits today. We built some innings. Made him pitch from the stretch. That was one of the other things we tried to do was get them in the stretch, because not quite as effective as from the wind up. When we built the two innings in the fourth and the fifth, that was big for us just to take the lead. Then the runs that we built at the last part of the game were really important for us. Duggar got a big hit for us to make it 5 2 at the time, and gave us a little more breathing room.

We didn't really want to use Campbell today if we could help it. He threw so much last week and on the weekend, but we felt like it was the right time to get him in there, and Drew was running out of gas a little bit, but he did a good job before that.

Q. Tyler, did it seem like there was more (Indiscernible) in the lineup or did you guys do a good job of identifying them?

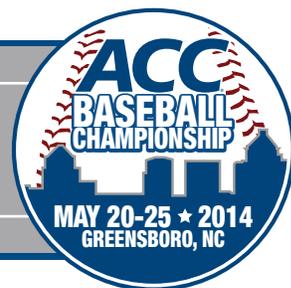
TYLER KRIEGER: I think obviously when you have the kind of arm that that kid does, you're going to want to throw your fastball. So it was a matter of us putting better swings on him the second time through the order.

Q. Can you talk about the adjustment into the DH role for you? I'm sure you grew up probably playing in the field every game. How have you been able to continue your successful play?

TYLER KRIEGER: Obviously, I'd love to be out on the field playing, but my shoulder's not allowing me to do that. But I'm lucky to be able to swing the bat without any pain and help this team in any way, because I love playing with these guys

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and I love being able to get a chance in the lineup. I've just been able to keep my focus and continue to play well and just got to keep it rolling throughout this tournament.

Q. Jack, obviously, it worked out really well. I'm curious what was behind the swap in the second and third in the order?

COACH LEGGETT: It just gives us an opportunity with two switch hitters on the team. So if we bat them second and bat them fourth, it makes it difficult for somebody to come in and throw a left hander relief guy against us or match up guy or a right handed side arm guy against us. So it just makes it work pretty good for us, I think. Then you don't have the two lefties at the top of the order to bring in a guy for him. So it gives a little more versatility and seems to have been working out for us.

Q. As you said it worked out well in the ninth when they walked Tyler to get to Duggar. You don't often see the two hitter walked to get to the three hitter?

COACH LEGGETT: It worked out pretty good for us that time. Tyler has been swinging the bat really well. He got a hit the first time up, hit in the fifth inning there, big hit for us. Hit the ball left field pretty good, and he swings the bat really well. He's a tough offensive player for us. So I understood what they were trying to think to get to Duggar, but Duggar is also a clutch player for us too. He's got a lot of savvy about him. So it was a big hit for him, and a big hit for us at the time.

Q. How much did it help make your job easier when Tyler had the hit to put y'all in front?

MATTHEW CROWNOVER: We always believe no matter what the score is. But when we got the lead I was throwing the ball pretty well. So when once we got the lead I knew we were going to win. The way I was throwing the ball today I didn't think the guy hit the ball well for the home run, but there was maybe one other ball they hit well. They're a good team, but I felt like once we got the lead, the game was over.

Q. Matthew, you came out 112 pitches, do you feel like you can go again?

MATTHEW CROWNOVER: Yeah, I could have thrown all night, if I had to. I felt stronger as the game goes on. Whatever Coach needs I'll be out there to give us a chance to win.