

NCAA Winston-Salem Regional
Postgame Quotes
Game 5
West Virginia 8, Maryland 5

West Virginia Head Coach Randy Mazey

Opening Statement:

"I don't know what y'all do for a living, but my job's pretty stressful. I guess in your world, you have an 11:00 deadline and you start writing your stories at 10:45. Can't say enough about our kids. We were down 4-0. We had eight innings yesterday without scoring a run and the same thing happened the first five or six today. Thirteen straight innings without scoring a run and you just knew it was a matter of time until something happened. When we left the bases loaded with nobody out in the fourth, I thought things weren't going our way but I thought the biggest part of the game was that it's hard to grab momentum in a game of defense. When they went out and struck out the three guys in the middle of our lineup with the bases loaded and nobody out, they ran off the field yelling and excited and screaming and we went right out there when they had the momentum and threw up a zero to keep us in the game. Usually when you run off the field with defensive momentum it just translates to home plate appearances and scoring a couple of runs. Our team going out there and throwing zeroes after that I thought was just a huge part of the game."

On Jackson Sigman:

"He was really good early in the season. Then he hit a spell in which he gave up more home runs. He went back in the bullpen and made a mechanical adjustment of all things. If you make a mechanical adjustment, with sidearmers it can really make a difference even if it's just one adjustment. So he did that and he got hot. Then he got cold again. He wasn't all that great in the conference tournament but we watched some video and he went back to that same adjustment and today he was really good again."

Maryland Head Coach John Szefc

Opening Statement:

"It was kind of a tough ending to our season. Obviously, not the way we would want it to end. Give our team and our coaches, support staff an awful lot of credit for getting us to this point. We've had a few ups and downs, but it's our third regional in the last four years and we try to preach consistency and I think our guys are very good in that respect. We won four games in the postseason, including the Big Ten tournament, so although this regional really didn't work out the way we would have wanted it to, I know our coaching staff will walk away from this thing feeling pretty positive about where things are going. You know, credit Randy and his program. They're very good and they got us pretty good here. They got our bullpen good, and we couldn't get them out the second half of the game and that was the difference. Sigman, their reliever was tremendous. We'll walk away with our heads held high and we'll be back as we have in the past."

On his bullpen:

"In the first part of the season, they were probably one of our biggest strengths, but unfortunately down the stretch it didn't really stay that way. They also had some very good moments down the stretch too, but today obviously wasn't one of them. Some of our relievers just couldn't finish hitters. For me, I've got to give a lot of credit to their hitters as it's the third time we've seen them play this year. They're very good. Their lineup is probably as good as we've seen. They really make your staff work for 27 outs, and that's obviously what they did today."

Maryland first baseman Brandon Gum

On the highlights of the season:

"This is definitely one of the bigger ones. Obviously it didn't end the way we wanted, but the reason I wanted to come here was to go to a regional. Other than that, it was definitely the walk off against Penn State. That was the only walk off home run I've ever hit, so that was fun."

On WVU reliever Jackson Sigman:

"He's got a very good slider. We saw him earlier in the year mid-week and he wasn't easy to hit then, but he just didn't have control of his slider. When he has to throw fastballs he's very hittable, but when he can throw his slider, he's a tough guy to hit."