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TENNESSEE POST-GAME NOTES

- Tennessee is now 25-24 in SEC Tournament play, extending the losing streak to five games since 2007.
- Dave Serrano is 0-3 in three consecutive SEC Tournament appearances as head coach of the Volunteers.
- The Volunteers took six stolen bases from LSU, only the second time this season Tennessee accomplished the feat. It marked the first time in SEC Tournament history for a team to have six different players steal a base.
- Max Bartlett, Jordan Rodgers and Vincent Jackson improved their RBI totals to 124 for the season among the three.
- Chris Hall went 2-for-3 and extended his runs scored to 49 runs, scoring two of the four runs for the Volunteers.

LSU POST-GAME NOTES

- LSU improves to 75-39 all-time in the SEC Tournament, the most wins of any team in the history of the conference tournament.
- LSU has overcome deficits of at least four runs to win each of its last two SEC Tournament openers. Tonight, the Tigers trailed Tennessee 4-0 after six innings and scored three in the seventh and two in the ninth and won 5-4 on Kramer Robertson's RBI single. Last year, LSU defeated Auburn 9-8 after trailing 5-0 after the first inning and 8-3 after four.
- LSU is the first team to win an SEC Tournament game in the bottom of the ninth after trailing entering the bottom of the ninth since Ole Miss scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth to defeat Kentucky 8-7 on May 22, 2008.
- Tonight is LSU's third win of the season when trailing after eight innings.
- Hunter Newman pitched the final two innings with three strikeouts to record his first win of the season. The only runner he allowed to reach came on an error.

LSU HEAD COACH PAUL MAINIERI

Opening Statement ...

"In my 10 years here, we've had a lot of exciting games in this park, a lot of exciting victories, and this game would rank right up there. When (Greg) Deichmann came back to the dugout, I said, 'Okay, you've now joined the company of Matt Clark and Blake Dean in exciting clutch home runs in the ninth inning or extra innings. Your legacy is now established in LSU baseball history.'"

"When Deichmann hit that ball, man, that ball was crushed... I'll kid with Matt Clark about his three-run homer down to South Carolina and Blake Dean's homer to win it. They were nothing compared to that bomb. That ball was way out of here. That was beautiful. Then, of course we kept the inning going, and Kramer came up with the clutch hit. How many clutch hits can one human being get in a season for your team? He's just been amazing. The real key was Hunter Newman's performance coming out of the pen. He kept us right there after we got the three-spot and had the guy thrown out at the plate with a chance to tie the game. Hunter dominated his two innings and gave us a chance to rally there in the ninth inning."

On his team's fight...

"It's what they do. We did a few fundamental things wrong today that the casual fan probably wouldn't see, but I know. I see. It's not lack of trying. Sometimes the youth rears its head, and they do a couple of little things here and there. We didn't hold runners very well. They stole a lot of bases on us, put a lot of pressure on us. I tip my hat to Tennessee. I thought they played outstanding baseball. They played their

hearts out. I feel for (Tennessee head coach) Dave (Serrano) and his kids because they really gave it all they had tonight. They seemingly had the game if not for our kids showing a lot of resiliency, a lot of heart and a lot of fight to come back and win the game. It was a tremendous victory for us, obviously.”

KRAMER ROBERTSON, SS

On Greg Deichmann’s solo home run to tie the game in the bottom of the ninth...

“That’s about as hard as you will ever see a ball hit in college baseball. The ball doesn’t go anywhere here. It’s a graveyard. That was a no-doubter. I don’t know how far they estimated it to go, but it had to be 440-feet-plus. That ball was about as far as you’ll ever see a guy in college hit it with a BBCOR bat, especially in these conditions. That was pretty special.”

On his walk-off single...

“When I came up to bat there, I knew after Greg (Deichmann) had hit the home run, I was telling everybody that we wanted to win it this inning because they had some of their big bats coming up. I knew they could do some damage, even though (Hunter) Newman was in there and shutting them down. I really wanted to make sure we won it there in the bottom of the ninth. Credit all of those guys in front of me for winning their at-bats and getting it to me. I think the play that is not going to be recognized and is one of the plays of the game was Brennan Breaux taking third base on a dirt ball read. I don’t know how many freshmen would have the guts to make that play. I don’t know if I would have had the guts to make that play, but that set up the bases-loaded with one out for me. All I had to do was put a ball in play out of the infield and was fortunate to do it. I scared everybody and got to two strikes, but I was fortunate to keep that ball fair.”

TENNESSEE HEAD COACH DAVE SERRANO

Opening Statement ...

“I’m very proud of how Will threw. Unfortunately we couldn’t finish the job and that is the ultimate goal. I just got done telling 27 guys, a coaching staff, and a support staff that is really truly hurting. That they gave us everything they could. We have a slogan at Tennessee, ‘I’ll give it my all.’” They gave their all. We were short in some areas. That was evident to me as the season went on but this team never quit and I think it exemplified it today. We went toe to toe with the no. 7 team in the country, a team that is probably going to be the regional host and a team that might one of the top 8 seeds in the tournament. The bottom line is though that we came up short and it’s disappointing for everybody involved in the Tennessee fan base. We have had a lot of tough losses this year. A lot of tough losses, because what this team did to get here and what this team wanted to do, that really hurt us tremendously.

On pulling Will Neely out of the game ...

“It was tough but it wasn’t as tough because I felt that the guys behind him were fresh. We had 9 outs to go but it just didn’t work out our way. I thought they started getting better swings on them and on him. Again he’s in a territory that he isn’t used to being a freshman. That young man gave us 4 or 5 tremendous starts but when you get to this point you can’t rely on a true freshman to get you to the promise land and we made that decision but LSU did enough to win.”

WILL NEELY, P

On pitching after a short rest ...

“I think I had a long enough rest. I don’t know how many days but I think I was good enough to go tonight.”

On facing LSU tonight ...

“I just came out with the same mentality as I did before when I faced them before. Just throw strikes and try not to make mistakes like I did before”