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| GAME 7 | FLORIDA 4, LSU 3 | NOTES AND QUOTES |

FLORIDA POST-GAME NOTES

- Florida made its league-high 38th appearance in SEC Tournament. Following the win against LSU, the Gators are 68-62 overall in the tournament.
- With tonight's win against the Tigers, Florida trails in the all-time series, 61-50-1, with LSU also holding a 14-10 advantage in neutral site contests against the Gators.
- Florida is 7-3 in its last 10 games with LSU, including a three-game winning streak dating back to the final two games of the 2017 College World Series.
- Tommy Mace's 7.0 innings of work are a career-high for the freshman. Mace's previous career-long outing was 4.0 frames, which he accomplished on three occasions (twice as a starter, once as a reliever) with the most recent occurrence coming in his start on April 10 at Florida State.
- Mace's four strikeouts match his season-high total, which he collected two times prior to tonight, the most recent coming against Florida Gulf Coast on April 3.
- Michael Byrne collected his SEC-leading 13th save of the season. The save was also the 32nd of his Florida career to extend his lead atop the Gators' career saves list.
- Jonathan India wrapped up his night 2-for-4 to record his team-leading 23rd multi-hit game of the season.
- Austin Langworthy finished 1-for-4 to extend his hitting streak to six games. During that stretch, the sophomore is batting .400 (8-20) with two home runs, three walks and a pair of stolen bases. He has also contributed five RBI and tallied three runs scored during that time.
- Florida's four errors were a season-high.

FLORIDA COACH KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

Opening Statement ...

"Well it was another Florida/LSU game. It's always competitive and very entertaining. It's kind of interesting to see two freshmen go out there and throw the ball the way they did. I didn't quite know what to expect in the game, but I thought both freshman pitchers pitched well. It was a good win for us. I think we had lost four in a row going back to Sunday (May 13) against Georgia. I think we hadn't lost four in a row since 2013. It wasn't the cleanest of games, but it was one that was needed. I'm excited about these guys being back on a winning track and handing the ball off to another freshman."

On playing LSU for a CWS rematch after not playing it in the regular season . . .

"We always like playing LSU. You know when you play LSU in a tournament here, there is going to be a good crowd. We probably needed to play a team like LSU to get us back on track. It was just very interesting going into it because you had two freshmen coming in to pitch on the stage. I think both head coaches can walk away feeling confident about how they performed."

FLORIDA P TOMMY MACE

On how he handled keeping calm in front of his defense tonight . . .

"When I think about it, I make errors all the time pitching wise, and they don't get on me. I talked to India in the fifth inning and said, 'Hey, you hold our team together all the time, and you're going to make a big play.' He did that in the eighth inning. I think it's all about the comradery and not getting down on each other."

Florida SS Deacon Liput

On if they need to win this game . . .

“Yes, absolutely. It’s been a while since we had lost that many games in a row. We really need to get back on the winning train.”

Florida 3B Jonathan India

On what he thought about LSU’s Ma’Khail Hilliard today . . .

“He’s a good pitcher, and he threw a good curve ball. He’s going to be a great pitcher down the road. He did really well tonight.”