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| GAME 10 | LSU 6, SOUTH CAROLINA 4 (12) | NOTES AND QUOTES |

LSU POST-GAME NOTES

- LSU improved to 35-24 on the season, 38-29-1 against South Carolina all-time, 7-2 against the Gamecocks in the SEC tournament and 83-41 all-time in the SEC Tournament.
- Junior Caleb Gilbert started the game on the mound for the Tigers and went 3.1 innings allowing one run on two hits.
- Todd Peterson came on in relief to pitch 5.0 innings. He gave up two runs on four hits and had three strikeouts. Peterson also recorded his first hit of the season in the top of the 11th when he scored two with a two-out double.
- Sophomore Zach Watson opened up the scoring when he delivered a two-out bases loaded RBI single to score Beau Jordan, who reached base for the eighth consecutive game, in the top of the second inning. Hal Hughes then scored on a balk to make the score 2-0 heading into the bottom half of the inning.
- Daniel Cabrera extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a single in the top of the third and Zach Watson recorded his 19th multi-hit game of the year when he singled in the top of the fifth. Cabrera later drove in the go-ahead run in the top of the 11th inning to give the Tigers a 4-3 lead.
- Jake Slaughter reached base for the 11th straight game with a lead-off double in the top of the seventh inning.
- Everyone in the starting line-up reached base for the Tigers.
- Junior Hunter Feduccia drove in the go-ahead run on a sacrifice fly that scored Antoine Duplantis and gave LSU a 3-2 lead in the top of the eighth inning. Duplantis recorded two hits to extend his hitting streak to three games and give him his 26th multi-hit game of the year.
- LSU is now 22-10 on the year when they are the first team to score.
- At 4 hours, 17 minutes, this was the fifth-longest, extra-inning game played in the history of the tournament.

LSU COACH PAUL MAINIERI

Opening Statement . . .

"When you said Todd Peterson, I thought I was supposed to stand up and cheer. The legend of Todd Peterson was created today in Hoover, Ala. It is hard to describe what we just witnessed. The flow of that game. We thought we had it then the runs scored in the ninth inning. They ended up scoring and Todd was amazing. He never hung his head. He never blamed a teammate. He just keeps battling out there. He kept us in the game and kept it tied. We kept getting frustrated because we felt like we were hitting balls hard. I knew that when we pinch hit for (Hunter) Feduccia that we lose the DH by putting Bain back into the field. I knew eventually that spot was going to come up. The last couple of innings a lot of scenarios were going through my mind. Thank goodness for Daniel Cabrera coming through in the clutch for us. That kept Peterson in the game. If Cabrera hadn't gotten that hit to put us on top Todd would have had to be pinch hit for. So Todd really has Daniel to thank for his legendary status. It was a great performance by Todd obviously at the plate, but more importantly five amazing innings of pitching. It was a great victory for our team. I am so happy for these kids."

On if he will ever forget tonight's game . . .

"I will never forget this, honestly. We have had a few moments this year. It has been a rough season, there is no denying it. This has not been a traditional LSU baseball season. We have struggled through some really ugly games and tough days. We have also had some really special moments, and today was one of them. I am just so happy for the kids. They put so much into it. They get criticized, they keep fighting. They deserve to have moments like this. Todd Peterson deserves to have moments like this, the

whole team does. They invest so much. For them to taste the fruit of victory, and for it to have such an impact on their lives is amazing. These are life lessons they learn through competition. I am just really happy for them.”

LSU P TODD PETERSON

On when the list time he took a competitive at-bat . . .

“High school, I guess. Actually, Coach, I have to be honest. I didn’t hit in high school. My coaches wouldn’t let me. They didn’t want me to get hurt, but coach tonight I wanted to swing. I lied, but I had too.”

LSU RF ANTONIE DUPLANTIS

The slide in the eighth inning . . .

“I knew we were going to be aggressive. It was late in the game. We were scrapping for runs. I saw it was shallow and Nolan (Cain) told me I was tagging, so I went. I knew that if they made a good throw I was going to be out. The ball beat me by a lot. It was pretty much the same slide from the championship game against Arkansas last year. I just tried to hood around him and dodge it the best I can. The ball beat me, I just had to dodge it the best I could.”