

Cincinnati Quotes vs. Louisiana NCAA Starkville Regional – May 29, 2026

Head Coach Jordan Bischel Opening Statement

Just really proud of our guys tonight. I can't say enough good things about Coach Deggs and their team. Brash, incredibly tough. Just, you know, obviously, you saw the swings early in the game, and we knew he was gonna be good, and our guys stayed the course. I think the thing that made me really proud of our guys tonight was, quite frankly, we didn't play great baseball the 1st 3 innings, but we talked about it coming in that it's not going to be easy, and you got to rise the challenge a little bit, and I think Nate was a perfect example of that tonight. I don't think he's going to sit here and tell you it was his best performance ever. But he walks off the mound 6 innings, one run allowed, and against a really good team. That's who he is. He competes, he finds a way, and obviously the defense picked him up. Derek had a great play to get us a double play there, but just proud of the guys.

Nate Taylor

On the mindset he had early when his stuff wasn't as sharp as it normally is

I mean, yeah, just trying to get weak contact early, get in the zone a little bit more. I feel like earlier on in the game, I kind of was sprinting it a little bit and just trying not to do too much and get the ball moved because, I mean, you saw some of the plays our defense made. Derek's double play. Christian and Charlie had some crazy plays. Jack threw a guy out. Like, they're gonna pick me up, so just giving them a chance, getting the ball moving, and not just allowing free bases.

Jack Natili

On the offenses success

Yeah, he has a little bit of a funky heater. We kind of knew that coming in. Um, just kind of committing to our plan. We knew he was going to be heavy with the heater, so just kind of trusting ourselves to be on time with it. It had a little life on it, a little bit of a weird release that we haven't seen. So just kind of staying in the course, knowing he's gonna make some good pitches, and he had some really good stuff, and just kind of allowing our lineup to get through that 1st iteration through the order and come back a little stronger.

Head Coach Jordan Bischel

On his teams strong performance

Yeah, again, just really proud of the resiliency. We just didn't play great the first three innings. Nate, doesn't walk many guys. He had a bunch of them. Obviously, we had two errors. We didn't hit the ball hard. Besides that, it was great, right? But what we did well was we hung in there, and, you know, we probably should have been down a few runs in the 4th inning, and we weren't. That's mostly this guy sitting here in the defense behind him. And I mean, I think it's pretty cool that tonight made him the winningest pitcher in school history because he did it on a day that he wasn't his best. And to me, that's awfully impressive. But, you know, then just some resilience, and then once we get going, you know, you saw us down at Auburn, when we

get going a little bit, we're going to be tough to stop, but getting those 1st couple of hits was tough. We found a way to grind.