

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

### **Head Coach Matt Deggs Opening Statement**

That was just a good old fashioned country butt whooping right there. You know, sometimes you're the one shield, sometimes you're the bug. Tonight, we were the bug. And, heck of a game for 3 and 2 thirds. Sometimes you just gotta tip your cap, though. I haven't seen anybody do that to Cody, with two outs on, what, five, six pitches. They go drag bunt, we get that. So, it's 2 quick outs. The catcher who played like a big league all-star night for them, super impressed. Doubles. Get 2 strikes on the next guy, you know, and then we hang a fastball. Just started missing spots. We were able to dominate with the fastball early. And they tax mistakes, man. And that's what good teams do. They were very impressive tonight. I thought our guys battled off a good starter. Their guy's a good starter. It's a good mix, and we battled hard. We had a lot of hard contact tonight, but that's baseball and couldn't find any holes with it. I thought we were going to take the lead there in the half inning before they scored all those runs. You know, do we tag and go to 2nd or do we stay there and leave the hole open for left-handed Spolito? You know it's just hard to tell. But sometimes it comes down to little things like that, us regaining the momentum. But credit those guys. They were a force tonight. They didn't miss any mistakes after the third inning. And very impressed with them. So, we'll rest up tonight and get a chance to play tomorrow, get a chance to get to 40, and it's one game at a time, you know, from here on in. But that was a good ball club we faced tonight.

### **Lee Amedee**

*On hitting the ball right at UC fielders*

Yeah, I mean, at the end of the day, it is pretty frustrating, but, I mean, you can't control it sometimes. We've got to try our best to just stay off the results. Like if we're having a good at bat, hitting the ball hard. All you can do is just try to beat the pitcher and then wherever you hit it, you hit it. So, it sucks when it's the end of the season, kind of like this in the postseason, you're hitting balls hard, it's getting caught, but you just got to flush it as quick as we can and play a good Lipscomb team tomorrow.

### **Head Coach Matt Deggs**

*On Cincinnati's strong offensive output*

Well, the first three innings, we were beating them on pretty much exclusively fastballs, and we were locating in. And with 2 outs there in the 4th, we started missing. And they taxed it. They didn't miss it. And then that energized them, and it gave them a ton of momentum, and it just started snowballing. But they're a good team, man. They're a good team. And sometimes you just got to credit them. You can talk about a base on a mistake. I mean, But even let's just say he tags and makes it. What happens still probably gonna happen? And, you know, but the tough part for us, that's just a cardinal rule in our offense. Don't make the 2nd out at 2nd with a runner in front of you. But that's not a game changer. That's not one. This is one of these games where you go, well, it came down to this. Because credit their guy, #11. He bent, but he didn't

break. He wasn't as sharp, I promise you, as he could have been tonight. And he stayed out there and you could tell he's a tough kid and he's a competitor. And he bent, he didn't break, escaped a couple of jams and credit those guys, man. Tonight was their night and they took full advantage of it.