

Louisiana Quotes vs. Mississippi State (Regional Final) **NCAA Starkville Regional – May 31, 2026**

Head Coach Matt Deggs Opening Statement

There's no other team, no other place that I would rather be than coaching these boys right here. Just thankful for the opportunity to be apart of this team. For me, to borrow a phrase Hannah Montana, it's all about the climb for me. It's always has been, its always about the scrap. It's never about the outcome or the final destination. We had a bunch of scrappers, and they're hard to let go of. We got dumped on our butt a year ago coming off three straight regionals and it hurt, it was personal. The right collection of guys, the right dudes at the right spot at the right time showed up and they captured a lot of hearts and minds. It's always bigger than baseball, it's never about never quitting, you're always in the fight. Tip the cap to Mississippi State. That is a team, in my 31 years, I tell you right now, they can go win that whole thing. I'll be honest, I'll be pulling for them because I watch them. They do it the right way and play the game the right way. If we're going to go down, they had to kill us and they did. I'm proud to be here, proud to get to coach these boys and I'm just thankful for this journey.

Andrew Herrmann

On what he'll remember most

We've worked hard since August, never given up and always gave each other 110 percent. That's really what was instilled in us for the last six weeks. As Coach Deggs said, we got knocked on our butts but found a way to not do it for ourselves, but do it for the guy to the left and the right of us.

Lee Amedee

On what he'll remember most

The thing I remember the most about this time is just the brotherhood. It's so fun to be around. I trust all these dudes with my life. Win or loss, I'm able to live with it. I'll have that for the rest of my life. 20 years from now, I'm probably not going to remember our stats, our batting averages, home runs and stuff like that. I'm just going to remember the brotherhood. That's the thing I'm going to remember the most about this team.

Head Coach Matt Deggs

On the impact the weather between the SBC Tournament and Regional played

The weather is our kind of party, the hot stuff. I bring a thermometer to practice. In south Louisiana on that turf, it is routinely 150 to 170. You got to be careful with them because it's dangerous, so the weather was fine. I think the biggest thing is 11 games in 13 days, and those dudes just play their you know what's off every day. They don't stop, y'all saw them, it's pretty impressive. I think the biggest predicament we were in was, what are you going to do for pitching? I'd like to try this whole thing over with a healthy [Chase Morgan]. We had one of the best lefties and the countries and he had back surgery. I know a lot of people could say that, but for a school our size, that's a big deal. We got another lefty on the shelf, but where I could see us losing control was right after Ty Roman. What Mississippi State did a great job of doing is

everytime we scored, they just compounded it. They didn't just score. I mean, we'd throw a jab, they'd throw a couple of haymakers. They didn't miss. That was super impressive. I got a world of respect for those guys. Our big thing is we're never going to quit. You have to kill us and they did. They ended our year, but I tell you what, if we get these dudes back, we got a shot to be heck on wheels for the next couple years.