



# FAYETTEVILLE NCAA REGIONAL

## June 6, 2021

## Nebraska vs. Arkansas

### POSTGAME QUOTES: Nebraska 5, Arkansas 3

#### **WILL BOLT, Nebraska Head Coach**

##### **RE: Managing Pitching**

"KP (Kyle Perry), we felt like we liked the match-up there and after what Shay (Schanaman) had given us in the first game to help set that up with KP there. He's gradually built himself up, we're gonna let him go as far as he could tonight, within reason. He was probably at the end of his rope there, one batter too long honestly. We wanted to leave him in there to get the lefty and it put Spencer (Schwellenbach) in a tough spot there. We were hoping to get him through four initially and then five, maybe getting a little greedy there. I thought his stuff was outstanding. His fastball was great, the command was good. He flipped the breaking ball in there. I thought he just competed with the heart of a champion tonight. It was very, very impressive."

"It actually worked out the way that we planned it out. Hand it off to Schwelly, after Perry. If we had to go to somebody else, if Schwelly just couldn't get through the game then we were gonna do that. It worked out, Schwelly gave us everything that he had. Every last drop of everything in his being, he gave it to his team and it was pretty special."

##### **RE: Defining Team**

"Win or lose, you have to have that dog in you. You have to have that fight. You've gotta have that heart, to where no matter what's going on around you you're gonna be all about the throwdown and that's what these guys have been about all year long. We've had double headers. We've been in tough spots. I knew our guys were going to come out and compete today. We didn't come here just to do that, we've got another game to finish tomorrow. It was what we've seen all year long and that's what we're gonna hang our hats on."

##### **RE: Jaxon Hallmark HR Setting The Tone**

"Just in general, sparking. They had the leadoff home run yesterday, we had the home run in the first inning today. Just kind of gives you that extra boost in your dugout and being on the barrel early in the game. I thought we had a lot of good at bats. I thought we squared a lot of balls up. Just setting the tone in the first inning sometimes can be a big difference."

#### **GRIFFIN EVERITT, Nebraska Catcher**

##### **RE: Emotions After The Win**

"It was nothing but pure joy and happiness. We all love each other and we're not ready to be done yet. We know we have to come back tomorrow and beat them again. Definitely going to cherish this and remember it forever, but we have to come back tomorrow and win a game."

##### **RE: Base Hit In The Fifth Inning**

"Coach Bolt told me to stay on the fastball and not get away from it. I went up there and I think I got, first pitch breaking ball and I took it and I was just waiting for that fastball. Just trusting my approach and slowing the moment down trying not to let it get too much to me and putting a good swing on the ball."

##### **RE: Not Letting The Moment Get Too Big**

"I think that showed today at the highest level. This is an electric atmosphere, fans were on their feet. Do or die game for us. I think all the preparation that we've had leading up to this really showed tonight."

#### **SPENCER SCHWELLENBACH, Nebraska RHP**

##### **RE: Expectations About Pitching Tonight**

"I was expecting Kyle (Perry) to get through the fifth and then bring (Cam) Wynne in for the sixth and then me for seventh, eighth and ninth. It didn't really end up going that way, but it all worked out in the end."

##### **RE: Game plan Against Arkansas Lineup**

"Hit your spots. Throw a lot of strikes. No free bags. Mix up your pitches. I did that tonight and it paid off."

##### **RE: Ninth Inning**

"I was running out of gas. That was probably my longest outing of the year. My whole body was sore and just trying to fight through it and I wasn't really nervous at all. I've been in big moments and I got through it. That's all that matters."



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## **DAVE VAN HORN, Arkansas Head Coach**

### **Opening Statement**

"Yeah, just tough loss. I thought that Nebraska they outplayed us, no doubt and we made some mistakes. Some of our mistakes didn't come back to get us as far as runs, but it could've. It was just sloppy on our side. We had some chances to drive in some runs, we didn't do it. Give Nebraska's pitcher credit, they got out of some jams and you know they just outplayed us and they beat us and they've been here all day. Just disappointed with that but we still have another opportunity tomorrow so we just need to regroup and play better."

### **RE: Confidence Going Into Tomorrow Night**

"Well we're always, we've come through most of the time like you said, but we have to play better than we did tonight. We're confident looking forward to tomorrow and you know we'll fight them until the end whether we win or lose. We're gonna play hard tomorrow, I guarantee you we're going to play better."

### **RE: Brady Slavens Return**

"I think it was you know (Kyle) Perry was probably not a great match-up to come off ten days off against left and Schwellenbach's pretty good but I thought Brady took some really good swings. I mean he did a, he just missed some pitches, it's just the way it is. I hope he has a better day tomorrow."

## **CONNOR NOLAND, Arkansas RHP**

### **RE: Mindset Heading Into Tomorrow Night**

"Just come out and play how we know how to play. We've been in this spot before, we've lost a game before, we know how to come out and play and really come out with the right mindset. We're a gritty team and I think you'll see that tomorrow."

### **RE: Chances Of Pitching Tomorrow**

"I think every pitcher on that staff has something left in the tank, we all want to be out there and I think we'll do anything to win the game."

### **RE: Bouncing Back**

"Just establishing the fastball, just getting ahead in counts. Anytime I can take advantage of that and have the hitters off balance is always a plus for me. That's kind of what I focused on today."