



2002 NCAA Division I Baseball Championships
South Bend Regional
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Frank Eck Stadium

Ohio State vs. Kent State (Game #3) Quotes

Ohio State Coach Bob Todd

On the game...

"We live for another day. When you get in these type of tournaments anything can happen and you can see some scores in double digits and that's exactly what happened today. As this game progressed I thought that we were going to be able to capitalize on and utilize our speed on the basepaths and I think that that showed up in a very positive way."

On Ohio State's stolen bases...

"I'm not sure that we came into today's game with the idea that we were going to steal eight bases, but I thought that our speed was something that we needed to utilize and I did it a little bit to wake our team up and make sure that we were ready to play and not being laid back."

Ohio State SS Brett Garrard

On playing in front of family today...

"A lot of my family is from Indiana and was here today so it was neat and I got a lot of fastballs to hit today and I tried to make the most of it."

Ohio State 3B Drew Anderson

On Ohio State's stolen bases...

"I think it puts a lot of pressure on a team, not just the stolen bases, but being able to run even with a ball on the ground. The infielders get tense and right at the last second have to make a play and sometimes they can boot a ball or throw it away. It's something that we can take advantage of and when we do it well we can score some runs."

Ohio State 2B Christian Snavely

On the revenge factor in today's game...

"I know that we wanted a little revenge on them because they knocked us out last year. They are a great hitting ballclub and I think that our pitchers did a great job and that was a key this year, not giving up the big inning. Our pitching really stepped up this game."

Kent State Coach Rick Rembielak

On the season...

"As a coach, I was very proud of our guys. We had a good group of kids and I wish we'd have played our best ball at the end and I don't think we did. I thought our guys did a great job and stuck together. It was a hard-working group and I'd love to have a group like that year-in and year-out."

On momentum...

“It was tough to gain momentum and keep it. I think we didn’t really make the pitch when we needed to, we didn’t get the hit when we needed it.”

On Ohio State’s eight stolen bases...

“They’ve got great team speed. Our catcher did all he could. He was throwing well down there... we just didn’t do a good job holding them on the bases.”

Kent State C Pat O’Brien

On Kent State’s four errors...

“Errors in any kind of game are going to be frustrating, but when you put it on a stage where both teams are sitting with a loss and the season’s over, it’s a killer.”

Kent State 3B Phil LoCascio

On the close of the Golden Flashes’ season...

“Going into [the season] that was our goal– to get to the regional. We ended up giving away our conference tournament the last couple weeks, but going into the tournament we knew we had a good shot... Ball State got a lot of attention because they had a couple draft prospects, but we were the best team in the conference and it would have been disappointing if the best team in the conference didn’t make it to the regional.”