



2018 NCAA® DIVISION I SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Postgame Quotes

Tennessee Co-Head Coach Ralph Weekly

On playing Georgia...

"We are really proud of the players and the way they fought after the rain delay to make it a close game. We are happy with the people of Georgia and what they have done and how they have handled everything. They are really great hosts. For me and Lu [Harris-Champer], we go back 17 years and we have had battles where I have won and where she has won. The thing about it is, we had great competition today with two very good teams. In the end it is always the players and these two [Meghan Gregg] and [Caylan Arnold] were very critical for us and she had some critical players too. Thank you, Georgia for hosting us in a proper way."

On the difference in performance after rain delay...

"I am not sure why because we had good practices and good lead up to things. I think it was just that they knocked the tar out of the ball before the rain and it was kind of two teams at two different times. I think that they jumped on us quick and did a good job."

On tomorrow's game...

"I told our players a few minutes ago that we are only thinking one game. We only can in this situation. We have got to think about tomorrow's game. We are going to play as hard as we can and do as well as we can and leave it all on the field. Whatever happens, happens."

Senior SS #55 Meghan Gregg

On Tennessee's play after the rain delay...

"We tried to stay loose during the break and have a good time dancing and enjoying one another. I really am proud of how we came out after the rain delay. We came out fighting and

fought until the end. It did not feel like we lost that game because we had so much momentum and swung the bats really hard.”

Sophomore RHP #12 Caylan Arnold

On two bad pitches resulting in home runs by Georgia...

“I wasn’t surprised. Georgia’s team is full of great hitters. I knew going into this game they were going to hit the ball and so I was prepared for that. It is frustrating when they get hits off of pitches that weren’t your best and so that is something I really focused on coming back out. Something I have been battling this year is trying too hard to throw the pitch instead of just relaxing and throwing, and that is what I did with those pitches. I was trying too hard to get out of the inning. I think I did a good job coming out of the rain delay and doing what I needed to do for my team.”

Georgia Head Coach Lu Harris-Champer

On her team’s performance...

“I thought we showed a lot of heart. We fought out there with resiliency and just overcoming adversity and keeping it together. I thought the team did a great job. I thought Kylie [Bass] was fantastic on the mound to begin. I thought she really was able to spin the ball off and throw a lot of good changeups, and then I thought Mary [Wilson Avant] did an awesome job in a really fun, awesome environment to really close it out and get the finish, so I’m proud of her for that. I thought the offense was amazing. They just came out and did what they do. They were relaxed and they were seeing the ball big and letting the ball fly.”

Junior SS #8 Alyssa DiCarlo

On the hitting approach...

“I mean there was talk about what she [Tennessee pitcher Caylan Arnold] was throwing, but really we just go in the box and do what we do every day in practice: not make the moment too big, but just see the ball and we’re all really good hitters so we just have to trust ourselves.”

Sophomore RHP #5 Mary Wilson Avant

On her mindset coming in to finish the game...

“I think, again, to just keep what we’ve been doing. We’ve been coming into situations like this all year long, so just to not make it bigger than it is.”