

## 2018 NCAA DIVISION I SOFTBALL REGIONAL

Beckham Field · Columbia, S.C.  
Postgame Quotes – May 18, 2018

### **JANELLE BRENEMAN, UNCG HEAD COACH:**

#### **Opening Statement**

"Obviously we're gonna have to go with plan B. Our intent was to come out and win this ballgame and it didn't happen. So we are going to make some adjustments and be ready to play tomorrow morning."

#### **On the atmosphere for the game...**

"This stadium is a great platform to play in. They are very deserving of hosting a regional. They had a great season. We all know the Gamecock fans always come out to support their team. But I am very proud of our fans that made the trip to come watch us play. All year long we have had a lot of people put miles on to come cheer us on, and again today I thought we had another great crowd. We are going to give them some more runs to celebrate tomorrow, but this is a great stadium to play in and we're ready to take the field tomorrow."

### **ALICIA BAZONSKI, SENIOR PITCHER, UNCG:**

#### **On her fatigue level heading into tomorrow's schedule...**

"At this point in the season you know everything is a long road. But I will be ready to go again tomorrow."

### **RACHAEL MCCLASKEY, SENIOR INFIELDER, UNCG:**

#### **On the offense adjusting to USC pitcher Kelsey Oh...**

"At this level and at this point in the tournament I feel like everyone is at their best. So we just have to do our job to make adjustments to their strengths."

### **BEVERLY SMITH, SOUTH CAROLINA HEAD COACH:**

#### **Opening Statement**

"It was an interesting game, I think I saw it was three hours and 55 minutes. I was really excited to get going, I loved seeing the stands filled tonight, unfortunately the rain didn't cooperate with us but I thought the team played really well. Kelsey Oh pitched a fantastic game on the mound, I think any time you can get a shutout on such a good offensive team like UNC Greensboro, it's a feather in our cap. We had great defense behind her and just some gutsy play. I liked Alexis Lindsey's pinch hit for us off the bench to score the run, the game-winner, and I think Jana Johns' hustle play to first base was the difference in the ball game."

#### **On the atmosphere of the game...**

"I was so excited tonight, the first game went a little long and then you just see the people start to pile in and the concourse looks full and the stadium looks beautiful... it was just a fantastic atmosphere and I just kept thinking 'I hope the weather holds off here' because I thought it was going to be a really rowdy crowd. Unfortunately the rain ran some of the fans away, but there's no doubt that Gamecock fans came out tonight and I was really pleased with that."

#### **On managing Oh's slow start...**

"It was a little bit surprising, her nerves, but maybe it was so many people in the stands and being here for postseason, but Kelsey Oh's a competitor and she made the adjustments. Her having 13 strikeouts today was big time. I think she recovered well, I think she was just a little nervous in that first inning. I felt like she was just out of sync a little bit, so I wanted her to just breathe and get back into her rhythm because she warmed up great."

#### **On keeping the team's focus through the rain delay...**

"As you've probably seen with this team, they have no problem staying loose. They were relaxing in the locker room and the music was going and they were fine but I was glad to see that we could come out of the rain delay and put a couple runs on the board."

### **KELSEY OH, FRESHMAN PITCHER, SOUTH CAROLINA:**

#### **On how she overcame early issues in the circle...**

"I think just controlling my breathing, settling down, my teammates helped a lot with that, especially Coach Bev when she came out to talk to me. Just breathing in the dugout and realizing I've done this so many times and I have such a great offense behind me, just to trust my teammates."

**On working around the rain delay...**

"I just relaxed (during the delay), talked to the team, we had fun in the locker room and then once we got back out I pitched – before the lights went off – and then afterwards too."

**JANA JOHNS, FRESHMAN INFIELDER, SOUTH CAROLINA:**

**On her diving infield single that scored two runs...**

"It's honestly just an instinct, I don't really know what makes it happen but I just did it and it worked out. I was just trying to do whatever I could to get on base for our team."