

2018 NCAA DIVISION I SOFTBALL REGIONAL

Beckham Field · Columbia, S.C.

Postgame Quotes – May 19, 2018

ALICIA BAZONSKI, SENIOR PITCHER, UNCG

On her experience in the NCAA Tournament and this season

"I think this season is one of the most memorable I have ever had since we went 46-13. But this weekend led the way for the incoming freshman and underclassmen. Obviously it is not the way we wanted to go out. But I couldn't be more thankful for the opportunity."

JANELLE BRENEMAN, UNCG HEAD COACH

Opening Statement

"I'm really proud of this group of seniors, and this collective group of athletes. "Team 33" had an amazing season and set the tone for the next coming years. They have just accomplished so much. It's not easy to get to [NCAA] Regionals. I just couldn't be more proud of this group and how hard they worked and how selfless they were. What an amazing legacy this team will leave and the future is very bright at uncg.

On the team's experience in the Regional

I try to really not hold onto this last game because we had so many things to celebrate this year. It is hard because we did come up short offensively this weekend. It was the first time our team has been shut down offensively back-to-back days all season. We will obviously look at video and look at things to improve. But this was an incredible situation and incredible experience for the rookies on this team and on the field. Our seniors get to be proud about ending their season at NCAAs, and we haven't gotten to do that in the past six years I've been here. I'm certainly proud of everything they've given to our program. Now, we can tell incoming recruits that this is the goal, and we are going to keep working hard to get back here and get back to regional. I have no doubt that UNCG will be back in regionals next year, and we will bring some offense.

On what her younger players will take from this experience

We had a freshman left fielder start for us all year and come up big for us, and we've had freshmen come off the bench to help us. So for these four freshman to experience high level play, it is going to push them to prepare harder. I know those four are excited about this opportunity, and they'll grow from this and be able to tell rookies next year about this experience, which is a really cool thing. You know we have a lot of talent, and we graduate seven. But we have a really strong class coming in, and we have a lot of sophomores and juniors out on the field, so I am really looking forward to the future.