

**NCAA Baton Rouge Regional
Round 2 Quotes – May 16, 2017**

Chuck Winstead, Head Coach, LSU

On the course playing harder today ...

“We’ve been here a lot and seen what this golf course did today. Anytime you get double-digit winds out here and get the pin placements we see in tournaments out here the golf course can defend par almost as good as anywhere. So, what you see today is quality shots get rewarded. If you’re not on, it doesn’t take much, there is a bogey out there, and that’s if you’re smart. If you’re not smart, you could turn it into a triple.”

On his team’s advantage of knowing the course ...

“I think it helped us for about three or four hours. Unfortunately, we gave away some shots today, there is no doubt about that and the guys won’t be pleased with some of that. At the end of the day, you have to take the whole, and the whole is these guys have played very good golf the past two days.”

On the secret to finishing up the tournament ...

“The same thing we always do, they have to keep their heads down, stay focused and not worry about anyone else. This isn’t match play so it doesn’t make any difference at all what the other team does. We know what we can do. We know what we are capable of. We just have to hit quality shots and when we get the ball in the wrong spot. We can’t spend too long there. If it’s in the wrong spot stay there once, because what will happen on a golf course like this is you’ll get it in the wrong spot and try to get cute or try to be a hero and end up with doubles and triples.”

On his team’s fast start being a key in Round 2 ...

“Well, it’s a cumulative effect. We are at the bottom of the sixth inning right now. We have three (innings) left. If you could spot Paul (Mainieri) a big lead after three, if he was in any game, I’m pretty sure he would take it.”

On wanting to win, but finishing in the top five being the same ...

You’re right; if you advance the regionals you start the national championship all-square. The flip side is that if we play our best and don’t finish in the top then you need to get better. I feel like these guys know what their capable of and we need to play to our standard. We gave away a few too many at the end that they won’t be pleased with, and I’m certainly not pleased with, and tomorrow if we come out and play the way we can play, then I’ll be happy with where we finish.”

On what corrections a coach can make ...

“It’s not a technique correction as much as it’s continuing to refocus relative to your mindset. Also coming out here and respecting the golf course. One of the advantages to playing out here is that you know where you can hit balls. One thing about being young is that you remember the great ones a lot, that’s a gift that you can remember the great shots you’ve played out here, but when the wind picks up 10 or 15 miles per hour tomorrow it’s going to be harder and sometimes you just need to be sensible.”

Jamie Green, Head Coach, Duke

On Duke's performance in the second round ...

"Sometimes we like to think of the NCAA as not just the national championship, but regionals, every shot you have out here is a part of that national championship. Thinking of it that way, it's a marathon. It takes a little time to get there. But today was brilliant for the guys. The wind picked up and the course was unquestionably more difficult today. It just kept getting a little firmer and faster, and with hole locations that were tough to get to, you had to be extraordinarily patient. Their demeanor was great, they handled themselves well, they walked with confidence and talked calmly."

On the play of Chandler Eaton ...

"Today, he did just about everything right. He hit shots close, and he put himself in the right place off the tee. He also converted some solid putts. For him to not just capitalize on the good shots that he hit, but to sustain the round when he might have hit an errant shot or got an unlucky break, it really goes to the maturity that he has."

On the play of Alex Smalley ...

"Alex again showed why I think he's one of the best players in the country. He's the only player in the field right now – and this is a strong field, as all of these six regionals are – that has two rounds under par. The fact that he's able to play at that level day-to-day and lead the team the way he is, he showed that he's able to do things to score that are always the same."

Brandon Pierce, Senior, LSU

On knowing the course was going to play more difficult ...

"The course definitely plays tougher when the wind is blowing, more or less on the second shot. The tee shot you can kind of manage those around. Knowing where to hit it and where not to hit it around the greens helps a lot."

On coach talking about "When you get in a bad spot don't stay there long."...

"He always tells us, 'Don't chip it more than once' if you're in a bad spot. Just take your 20-footer if you have to. Obviously, we are trying to chip it closer, but getting out of those tough positions is very important to lower your score."

On the greens being tricky with the wind ...

"The tight lies around the green, your ball will roll ways away from where you want it to be, and you will be faced with a tough shot."

On what par actually is on a day like today ...

"It's dependent on how you're hitting the ball, but I think around 73 or 74 would be a solid number today."

Wyndham Clark, Senior, Oregon

On his performance in Round 2 and Oregon's mindset heading to Round 3 ...

"Today was a grind. It was really windy at times and tough pins, so you had to stay patient and I think I did a good job at that. I had a lot of chances and, unfortunately, I didn't make many, but I

just hung in there and it ended up being a good round. Tomorrow, we just need to go out and take care of business. I'm going to do my best to help get my team to nationals."

Alex Smalley, Sophomore, Duke

On the key to his success today ...

"I kept giving myself looks, hit some good tee shots which set up some good approaches, didn't have a whole lot of stress out there. Had a couple of short putts that were tricky with the wind that I ended up making, so that kind of kept the momentum rolling."

Chandler Eaton, Freshman, Duke

On his play in the second round ...

"The birdies kind of came to me, I never forced anything. I had really good numbers into every hole, and when I didn't have a good number I didn't try and make something happen."