

**NCAA Baton Rouge Regional  
Round 3 Quotes – May 17, 2017**

**Chuck Winstead, Head Coach, LSU**

*On how the golf course played in the final round ...*

“University Club was University Club. You get double-digit winds, like I’ve said all week, and this golf course can defend par. I know my guys had some shots that they’d love to have back. They could have scored better, but the flip side of that is you can always say that. They played hard. I’m proud of them. Now on to the next one.”

*On his vision of having a course like University Club to host a regional ...*

“I’m very proud of where the program is. I’m proud of the commitment that LSU has made. I’m proud of the University Club and what it represents in terms of college golf. For the national championship to have to roll through Baton Rouge I think it’s the way it should be done. LSU means the world to me, and from my perspective, we should be the best at everything. That’s not lip service. It takes a lot of work, it takes a lot of commitment and it takes a lot of people. This golf program and this team didn’t do this. This was a group effort. You’re talking about alums, you’re talking about our administration, you’re talking about TAF and you’re talking about the University Club members. There are so many people into this, and I hope they take pride in the accomplishment of these five guys.”

*On LSU winning an NCAA Regional for the first time ...*

“It’s the first time, and it’s really hard to imagine that it’s our first time given all of the great players that have come through LSU. But we will take it. This is another tournament. It means a lot so we had to show up and take care of business. The next event will be an event of its own. We will have to show up and get acclimated to golf course in Chicago. I think we have one guy that has played there (Rich Harvest Farms Golf Club) so that helps a little bit. Chicago is not Baton Rouge, so we will have to get acclimated, but I believe in my guys.”

*On the qualities he likes most in his team ...*

“I believe that it takes five guys that are committed to playing golf in a way where they don’t get ahead of themselves and there not out there just thinking of themselves. These guys will go on to professional careers where they will have weeks where they can take chances, they can go at flags and shoot low scores. There is sometimes in these situations where they are handcuffed a little bit. I don’t mean that in a bad way, that’s just the reality of playing on a team. When they’re disciplined, do the right thing and they show good mental fortitude and competitive toughness, that’s what turns me on. When I watch those guys and they’re focused and tough, that’s what we are always striving to be.”

*On Philip Barbaree hanging in each round and not giving up ...*

“I would say Philip embodied everything that I just talked about. His back nine the last two days when he didn’t have his best stuff shows what kind of class, fortitude and mental toughness that he’s about.”

*On Sam Burns leading the tournament all three days ...*

"He's had as good of a year as you can have around here. His scoring average speaks for itself. He was in the conversation for Player of the Year with the other young man that was here (Oregon's Wyndham Clark). They're talented, and Sam keeps showing every single time that he tees it up that he should be mentioned at the top of the list."

**Mike Blackburn, Head Coach, Jacksonville**

*On advancing to the NCAA Championships for the first time as a program ...*

"We're excited. These guys started back in August, we had some lofty goals and they worked their butts off and we're thrilled. Couldn't be happier."

*On having the best round of the day as a team ...*

"I would attribute that to our schedule this year. We have played a lot of hard golf courses with a number of good final rounds dating back to the Gator Invitational, where we finished second and I think that gave the boys a lot of confidence."

**Casey Martin, Head Coach, Oregon**

*On advancing to the NCAA Championships as the defending champion ...*

"It's a big sense of relief right now. We desperately wanted the chance to defend out (NCAA) title, and I'm very grateful that we'll now have that chance."

**Sam Burns, Sophomore, LSU**

*On what it means to finish first as a team at regionals ...*

"It feels great. Coming in to this week our goal wasn't to finish in the top five, our goal was to win the golf tournament. I think with the experience we have on this course and the guys that we have on this team, they are very talented and without them this wouldn't be possible."

*On what it meant to put up a good number on day one ...*

"The first day was great. I made a lot of putts and I think that was the difference in the first day and the next two. The wind also picked up in the second and third round, and this place can play tough when the wind starts blowing and you get some of those tournament pins."

*On the streak of Top 10s ...*

"I can't say coming into this year that I expected that. Obviously, you want to play good golf at every tournament you play in, but it shows that we are prepared every week not only myself, but also the other four guys too. You can look at our track record and we are top five in the country, so I think our team has done well this year and I know we are excited for the next tournament."

*On leading wire-to-wire to win the individual title ...*

"You have to ride the wave up and down. I had a rough patch on my back nine today, but that's part of it. You have to keep your head down and stay focused. Anytime people are coming out to watch, you don't want to show them bad golf. It's not fun for me, it's not fun for them. Getting to come out here and getting a win on our home course in front of all the fans is really special for me."

**Mason Overstreet, Freshman, Arkansas**

*On advancing to the NCAA Championships as an individual ...*

“I would really like to go with the team, but advancing to nationals as an individual is a huge honor. I really had it working off the tee today and everything came easy for me. It feels great to get through as a freshman.”

**Wyndham Clark, Senior, Oregon**

*On Oregon advancing to the NCAA Championships ...*

“I’m just so pumped. I’m very proud of the fight we showed today, and I’m really looking forward to nationals. I’m most excited for the competition and to get another chance to play with my teammates.”

**Edwin Yi, Sophomore, Oregon**

*On Oregon advancing to the NCAA Championships ...*

“I had a tough day, but I’m very happy that the team pulled it off. I’m very excited to have the opportunity to defend the national championship. We have a great group of guys that are more than ready to bring our school a second national title. Our main focus is to get all five guys to score low. Wyndham (Clark) has been doing most of the heavy lifting, and it takes all five guys to win the title. We know we are all capable of scoring low; that’s our main focus.”