



Arizona State Quotes

#4 Stony Brook 7, #1 ASU 9

Arizona State Head Coach Pat Murphy

On the play of Stony Brook:

“These are tough kids from New York. College baseball today is a lot closer. I am just tickled for Stony Brook. They know they can play with us and they played the game they did. Their first pitcher has a great future and he can pitch for anybody. It is a tough game to win. You are in a no win situation. I am so proud of our guys. These guys here were unbelievable. Rafferty threw 50 pitches in five innings. That’s incredible. He’ll be ready to go to five tomorrow. This kid next to me [Wallace], I don’t have any question he’ll rise to the occasion. Stony Brook was awesome. I’m just so impressed with them and I’m not surprised.”

“Modern day college baseball, there isn’t a big separation between teams. There is no dominant teams with players that are way better than others. Tom Koehler can pitch for anyone in the Pac-10. He had a rough day in his line but he had some close pitches, the umpire was very consistent, but he had some close pitches. He threw the ball 94-95 miles per hour. He has a chance to pitch in the big league. He scrapped, they made contact, they didn’t punch out. They did a great job. I don’t want to make this all about Stony Brook. Stony Brook is a good team. This isn’t a fluke. They played hard. I hope they enjoyed their experience here and I hope they come back and play hard tomorrow.”

3B Brett Wallace

On the home run:

“I was actually expecting to make contact. I’m not surprised. Ike [Davis] is hitting behind me. He has been raking all season. He is first-team all Pac-10. If you look at his numbers before he got hurt, they are outrageous. And they still are. I don’t expect anyone to pitch around me to get to him. I just have to do my job.”

Pitcher Tommy Rafferty

On relief pitching:

“I like it because I get to pitch a lot of games. I don’t have to just sit there and not know what is happening next. I’ve been lucky enough to get the opportunity to pitch. It is pretty funny, it seems like every time I come in, we get a few outs and our line-up puts up three or four. It makes it makes it pretty easy to pitch.”

On his pick off:

“He was getting a big lead all day. I just turned and threw the ball and [Torrez] put the tag on him.”