

**Illinois State vs. Indiana**  
**NCAA Louisville Regionals | May 31, 2019**  
**Jim Patterson Stadium**

**Illinois State Coach Steve Holm Opening Statement:**

“Obviously that’s not exactly the way we drew it up there in the seventh inning. We had a huge performance to start from Brent Heidrich. Then, got a little squirrely in the seventh. Then Dalton Harvey came in and bailed us out. Obviously, our offense swung the bat really, really well. We came out swinging. A lot of balls fell for us and we really, really got a lot of momentum that way.”

**Illinois State Players**

(Brent Headrick on how he felt)

“It felt good. I was working with all three pitches. They were all in the zone. Coming in, we knew Indiana was a good team, a lot of power. My job was to keep them off balance the best that I could. Every Friday, it’s just the same thing, same mentality. Go out there and just give your best effort. Try to set the tone for the weekend and give your guys on defense a lot of confidence when they come to the plate. Keep the confident on our side, the momentum with us, and I think we did a great job with that. The hitters came through for us, so it was big.”

(On Brent Headrick’s mental process) “He made a good swing at the pitch. (Elijah Dunham’s homerun) I left it up a little bit. My mentality after that was let it go and start fresh and make sure you’re making better pitches. My biggest thing is limiting the mistakes you make, and I think that throughout the rest of the innings I did that.”

(On why the strikeout was big) Brent Headrick – “I think just having all three pitches in the zone and being able to locate with the fastball and the change up, as well, that was huge for me. I think some hitters might have been guessing at the plate. Just keep them off balance, that’s my biggest thing, and I think today we did that.”

(On how Dalton Harvey felt coming in) Dalton Harvey- “Yeah, I felt really good coming into that game. It’s a tough spot to come in with two balls and an out with the bases loaded. I felt good today in the pen. All my stuff was down in the zone. I had two pitches that I could throw for strikes.”

(On the pressure of the situation.) Dalton Harvey - “Coming into that game, as soon as I got onto the mound, I was just locked in. I could really hear anything. I was just so zoned in; I didn’t hear any of the crowd or anything like that. I just wanted to come in there and pick up my guys. They had a little bit of struggle today and I was just happy I was able to come in and do that.”

(On the relentless nature of the offense) Derek Parola- “It’s something that we definitely pride ourselves on. We go up there, every at bat, trying to grind it out. When we get that pitch to hit, we want to make sure that we hit it and if we don’t we want to keep battling, battling, battling so that the momentum, that we always talk about, stays on our side. If we go up there getting good at bat, after good at bat, after good at bat, that momentum stays with us when we go back out on defense. Brent (Headrick) feeds off of it and it’s kind of our whole style that we play. Just grind it out and keep moving.”

(On giving up lead) Derek Parola- “It’s something that’s definitely really hard to do. You obviously give up a five spot, but there’s was not one person in that dugout that had any doubt in our mind that weren’t going to come back. It’s kind of something that we’ve been stuck with all season. We like to make things

interesting. We are kind of used to it, but it's something that our team kind of feeds off of. There's never a doubt, at any time, whether it's 10-0 us or 10-0 them. We kind of have that same mentality and that's keep grinding."

(On what stands out about Brent)

Derek- "It's been the same story of pretty much the last ten weeks of the season. Brent's gone out there and absolutely dominated every team that we've seen. It's a great feeling to have, as a defender, and just as an overall team atmosphere. When you got a guy like that on the mound you know your team's in a good spot."

**Illinois State head coach Steve Holm:**

(On the Redbirds' offense) "I think that our offense is the story of the game. We would have two strikes and we were able to put the ball in play. And if you look back, Brent (Headrick) was able to grab momentum back by striking guys out. There are certainly games we have had this year where we punched out like that ourselves. It is defeating to put those balls in play and swinging early I believe that was the difference in the game."

(On using Dalton Harvey in relief) "He has not thrown a lot but at the end of the conference tournament he threw really, really well. We threw him in for two and three-thirds. He's a Canadian guy, who grew up a hockey guy, whose father played in the NHL ... he ain't going to be scared. So we ran him in there. We knew he had a pitch that we knew guys were not going to hit and that was obviously the changeup he was throwing. As long as he got that over the plate, he didn't even have to really locate it, we knew we had a chance. It was basically his mentality that we went for.

(On keeping poise when Indiana scored late)"" It was huge. We have found ourselves in those predicaments this year more often than most teams in our situations. All the way back to the first game of the year. We went extra innings against Belmont on a Friday in February, we put up 16 in the 11<sup>th</sup> inning. So nothing that we have done this year makes sense. So if we are going to win a game on a Friday in a regional, that is the way we were going to do it. I promise you."

(About possible opponents tomorrow) We have played UIC twice this year. It was in a midweek, so it is totally different to see what kind of arms they really have until you see them yourself. Louisville is Louisville. There is no good matchup unless you are the host. That is the way the regional works. That is why they reward them for hosting because you are one of the best 16 teams in the country. With that,