

# Southeastern Conference Baseball Tournament

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Hoover Metropolitan Stadium

## Florida Gators

### Chris Armstrong

#### Postgame Press Conference



Florida 13, Mississippi State 1

THE MODERATOR: We're joined by Chris Armstrong.

**Q. After getting a win yesterday with not many hits, today had to feel really good for the offense.**

CHRIS ARMSTRONG: It was awesome. I think we really clicked together, played as a team. Barco pitched his ass off. Playing more for each other than ourselves, that's for sure.

**Q. Where did this start? I think you can point back to Sunday at Tennessee when things started to turn.**

I guess when did you guys start coming together to play for each other?

CHRIS ARMSTRONG: After that Arkansas series, it wasn't too fun for us. We kind of got together and talked about how we need to play more as a team and play together. Not just doing it for ourselves but for something bigger, trying to play the last game of the season for sure.

**Q. And then for you, when did you learn that you were going to be playing today, and when did Sully tell you?**

CHRIS ARMSTRONG: You never know until you see the lineup. We had a good idea. The pitcher we watched beforehand, you kind of have a good idea of who's going to be in the lineup, but you've just got to be ready to get in there and do some damage.

**Q. Kind of looked like a little kid with that headfirst slide into home.**

CHRIS ARMSTRONG: I know. I haven't been sliding head first often this season, so it was good to get in there and do one.

**Q. Chris, only five strikeouts yesterday, only three today. Sully mentioned a little bit of a change of approach. Can you talk about that?**

CHRIS ARMSTRONG: Yeah, I think it's -- I don't want to give up too much, but just kind of being aggressive, being the aggressor and not letting the pitchers get to us and get into deep counts. I think that's what we did really well today was hitting in early counts and doing damage at that time.

**Q. He talked about not taking the first strike. Is that something you all did a lot in the Arkansas series?**

CHRIS ARMSTRONG: Yeah, it was kind of a weird environment, and it was something a little bit different than we weren't expecting. And I think we got a little lackadaisical unfortunately. Going into this game, we really changed gears and tried to be more on the aggressive side.

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