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Trey Yesavage

Pregame 1 Press Conference

Q. Trey, what was your conversation like with John Schneider about Game 2? How did you react?

TREY YESAVAGE: I was very excited. It was awesome. Pulled me in and told me I was going, and I was beyond floored.

Q. This year you've lived in a lot of different places, a lot of hotels and suitcases and stuff. What's this ride been like for you personally as well as baseball?

TREY YESAVAGE: I've experienced a lot this year. This is my fifth team I've been with. I've met the entire organization. But being here in this spot, I couldn't have drawn it up any better.

Q. Obviously to us it's relatively new news that you'll be the starter tomorrow, but I'm curious, which of the veterans have you spoken to and maybe drawn on their wisdom? Obviously you've got Max Scherzer, Chris Bassitt, Kevin Gausman, all sorts of guys who have been around and been in the postseason that you can learn from.

TREY YESAVAGE: All of them. This is a veteran staff I'm very fortunate to be thrown into, a lot of guys with a lot of experience. I've chatted with every single one of those guys because they've all had different experiences.

Q. You said you were floored to get the assignment in Game 2. When you come in to this week and you're here and you become a regular in the starting rotation over the two weeks that you've been here, what are your expectations? Are you thinking I'm going to get a start? They might want to use me out of the bullpen. If I get a start, it might be Game 4. What's going through your head as far as that's concerned?

TREY YESAVAGE: I didn't really have any true



expectations. I just wanted to do whatever I could to help this team win. I would have loved to start, but if I was coming out of the bullpen, I'd be just as happy.

Q. George Springer was just in here, and he said you are outwardly calm and that he feels that helps the rest of the team. I'm wondering where do you feel that calmness comes from?

TREY YESAVAGE: I think my time in college playing in front of a bunch of rowdy fans and then going on the road to a bunch of fans that hate you. So being able to stay even keeled and not ride the highs and ride the lows, just being calm and controlling my breath and just being in the present moment.

Q. I was going to ask about those college starts, Trey. You had some big ones in your final year of college. How does the energy, the nerves, your preparation for a game like tomorrow compare to a Super Regional or a big game in college?

TREY YESAVAGE: I would say it's kind of the same. Having to go out there and perform at your best to help your team win a championship. At the end of the day, you have the same goal. It's to win. Granted, there's going to be a lot more fans here, and there's going to be a lot more energy surrounding this place, but I'm built for this.

Q. Who got the first text, the first phone call after you found out you're starting Game 2, and sort of what was the chain of events at that point in time?

TREY YESAVAGE: It was my parents. Called them that night and let them know, and they said they would be driving up here.

Q. You said you're built for this. From start to start to start, how much more comfortable have you become, and how do you think that sets you up for what will be the biggest day of your career tomorrow?

TREY YESAVAGE: Getting the experience to go out there and find success early in this short career I've had definitely boosts my confidence. Going out there and



throwing five shutout this past weekend, and before that just racking up strikeouts, it really sets me up mentally for success.

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Q. Will you be in the dugout the entire game today just staring at the mound and trying to look at the Yankee hitters and what Gausman's trying to do with them and that sort of thing?

TREY YESAVAGE: Yeah, I'll be up there the whole time. I want to experience every second of this and take it all in.

Q. You've never had a season as long as this. Now, your innings were kind of monitored throughout it, but do you feel as good now as you did back in March and April?

TREY YESAVAGE: Absolutely. I feel like I'm at the top of my game right now, which is exactly what this organization wanted. They monitored my innings and pitch count so I'm at my best come October.

Q. You're an almost Philly guy. It's one thing to get a start in Game 2 of a playoff series. The other thing, it's the Yankees. What does that feel like as someone who grew up where you grew up?

TREY YESAVAGE: It's kind of -- not kind of cool. It's really cool just to be out here and playing such a historic franchise. I don't know. I'll really understand what it's like when I get out there, but preparing for it, I'm very excited.

Q. You made a start here at Rogers Centre your last start of the season, and John Schneider told you to experience this, take it in. Did it give you any indication that you might be involved in the postseason?

TREY YESAVAGE: Not that day, no. I figured I would be a part of it after that start. But I mean, anything is possible. I was just taking it day by day.

Q. What's the prep for you like ahead of a game like tomorrow? How much information do you want? How much scouting reports do you want to look at? Or do you just want to talk with Kirky? What's that like for you?

TREY YESAVAGE: Tomorrow I'm going to get with Kirk and Pete and just dial up a soft game plan because when you go out there, their approach could be different than what we expected, so you'll have to make in-game adjustments. Just going in there and trusting myself to start and how we want to attack them, and then if there's adjustments that need to be made, we'll make them.

