

AL Division Series: Yankees vs Blue Jays

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New York Yankees

Manager Aaron Boone

Postgame 1 Press Conference

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Q. The offense had a real opportunity there, bases loaded nobody out in the sixth inning. Just what were you seeing in the at-bats that they weren't able to come up with a big hit there?

AARON BOONE: Judgy gets them 3-2, and he had thrown a good heater down in the earlier at-bat that Judgy did a good job laying off. Looked like a split off that same line away that probably got him to expand a little bit. Then Belly walked. Benny missed one, probably a pitch he got a decent pitch to hit there and popped it up. Then Varland executed a good heater to G that he was late on.

Q. Pitching had been such a strength in the Wild Card for you. Was it their approach today, or Gil just didn't have it on the mound?

AARON BOONE: They were hunting the top of the zone a little bit, and I thought put a lot of good swings on them. But live with the two solo shots were in the game there, and he did enough that we felt like we could still piece it together there. Kind of hung around and just weren't able to punch through like we needed to in an inning where we had a chance to have a big one.

Q. In the second, you had Blackburn up alongside Hill. Would you have considered Warren for length if it hadn't have been the middle of the inning, if you could have given him a clean inning, or is it the lefties you wanted to go with?

AARON BOONE: More I wanted to -- if I was going to go early to the pen, I wanted to get a situation where I had Hill where he was going to get most of the lefties without pinch-hitting early in the game. And then at some point depending on leverage of the game, Will comes into play.



Q. Could you see Doval -- I know it's one outing, his postseason debut, considering some struggles elsewhere -- moving up in the pecking order with high leverage?

AARON BOONE: It was good to see another one. That's kind of how he finished the season there. His last few were really good. I feel like he cleaned up some things within his setup and his delivery. Yeah, that was really efficient, really good, attacking the strike zone with obviously that stuff. Another encouraging one for Camilo.

Q. Do you think you'll have him tomorrow too?

AARON BOONE: We'll see. Hopefully, but we'll see.

Q. How concerned with you with what you're seeing from Luke Weaver right now?

AARON BOONE: Again, not a stuff issue. Obviously command is usually a strength for Weave. Losing the first guy in four pitches there and then looked like a couple of change-ups that just kind of were flat and up and over the plate that Santander got and Giménez with the drawn-in infield.

It can click like that, because the stuff is there. We've just got to get him locked in with his delivery.

Q. You had Caballero pinch run mid at-bat? Why not do that at the start of the at-bat?

AARON BOONE: I just changed my mind first couple pitches into it. That's all.

Q. Cruz had Guerrero 3-0 before the sac fly. Did you consider walking him there?

AARON BOONE: No, not at 5-1. Not going to put another base runner on. With Cruz out there, we've got to get a swing and a miss or something, but not in that score situation, no.

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