

AL Division Series: Yankees vs Blue Jays

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New York Yankees Manager Aaron Boone

Postgame 2 Press Conference

Blue Jays - 13, Yankees - 7

Q. Yesavage shut down the offense, hitless through 5 1/3, striking out 11. What was it about his stuff that was clearly challenging for your offense?

AARON BOONE: That was nasty stuff. That split is unlike much you ever run into. He got it going, starting it up a lot, breaking it down off the plate, using his fastball enough and slider enough. But we just didn't have an answer for the split. He was on his game.

Q. Max Fried did not necessarily look like himself. He had been such a stopper for this team all season long. What was different about his stuff this afternoon?

AARON BOONE: I don't know. I'd have to look back and see a couple of the -- but didn't seem to have the same command. Probably not getting pitches to where he wanted to get them. Life and everything seemed fine.

They obviously had some hard contact. They were able to find some holes with their contact. Just not his sharpest obviously.

Q. Having never seen Yesavage before, how much can you prepare for someone, and how different is it once they step in the batter's box, especially with that unique arm angle?

AARON BOONE: You can prepare pretty well. I mean, there's a lot of information, a lot of video, a lot of those things. You're facing different pitchers every day, and you know what different fastballs and stuff looks like, so you at least have an idea. But then there's no substitute for experiencing someone too. The fact that he is a bit unique, I'm sure played into a little bit of his effectiveness.

He was on his game, man. We just obviously had a hard



time putting it in play against him.

Q. What made you go to Will in that spot considering he hadn't come out in a relief appearance before?

AARON BOONE: That's the spot that he's got a chance to be successful in to keep it a game there. We're going to take our shot there with Will. It's already 5 and runners out there. He's on this team for that, for we feel like behind, especially one of our lefties, to go on a run.

Obviously it didn't work initially. He ends up giving us length and preserving us a little bit, but you can't stay away from guys because that's why he's on there.

Q. What's your take on this 0-2 hole you guys have fallen into, and is it almost more jarring because both of the games have been blowouts and one of them was against your ace?

AARON BOONE: Baseball is a funny game. I know we'll show up and ready to go expecting to win Tuesday night. Obviously it feels like the world's caving in around you, you lose two games like that in their building where it doesn't go right. But all of a sudden you go out there and win a ballgame on Tuesday, the needle can change.

There's been a lot of weird things that have happened in baseball this year. This would not be the weirdest, us rallying. We'll come ready to go Tuesday, expect to win, and then look to win again and push it back here.

We haven't lost any confidence. Obviously they've had our number and gotten the better of us so far this year, but I don't think anyone in our room doesn't feel like we can't go out and beat them.

We've got to play better. We've got to pitch and swing it better. But we're certainly capable of it, and we'll expect to do that on Tuesday night.

Q. Just the start of the fourth, you got Warren out pretty fast there with the bottom of the order coming up. They just steamed on Max, I guess, from the beginning with getting a lot of good swings off on



contact.

AARON BOONE: Yeah, they were pressuring him all day. Again, right out of the chute, I think Giménez blocks that ball down the line. Not that they didn't square him up a lot, but it just was kind of bouncing that way, and it just felt like, you know, it was enough there.

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