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UCLA Bruins Aaliyah Jordan Briana Perez

Postgame Press Conference

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THE MODERATOR: We'll take questions for the UCLA student athletes.

Q. For each of you, just talk about the challenge that Montana Fouts presents and how difficult it was facing her tonight. Briana, can we start with you please.

BRIANA PEREZ: She's a great pitcher. We went in with a game plan, we let her get ahead in a lot of counts and didn't make an adjustment throughout the game and so here we are.

AALIYAH JORDAN: We just took a lot of strikes and swung at a lot of balls so we got ourselves out most of the time.

Q. You guys had a lot of kind of on-the-field meetings in the circle with Rachel and the entire infield. What were some of those conversations you were having?

BRIANA PEREZ: Just staying lose, talking about batters, talking about pitch calling, talking about our plan. Just trying to play our game honestly. Stay within ourselves.

Q. Aaliyah, you're a leader on this team what was the message the mood in the locker room knowing that you guys have to take the long road to the, to defend your title now?

AALIYAH JORDAN: I think now we have a longer route, but I think the PAC-12 definitely prepared us for this, we played four games in a weekend before and had to beat teams four times, so even though we have to play a few more games I think we can do it.

Q. Obviously after a game like this you have to come back in 24 hours and play again. How does the team



have to like work together to get that energy back and the momentum for that?

AALIYAH JORDAN: I don't think we were all very down right now, I think we just knew that we got ourselves out and so I think tomorrow coming out, playing our game is really all we can do.

BRIANA PEREZ: I don't think energy will be a problem. That's our sport, right? You go to sleep and you have to wake up the next day and do it all again. So I think we'll be all right.

Q. Holly came late in the game to pitch for you guys, so what are you doing, not just tonight, but throughout this whole trip, to make sure she's fully supported out there?

AALIYAH JORDAN: I think just talking to her, hyping her up on the field, that's all we really can do. I think she's prepared enough, so we all have Holly's back, so I think she can do it.

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