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June 1, 2018
Baum Stadium



1 Arkansas
(40-18)

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4 Oral Roberts
(38-19)

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Oral Roberts 2 (38-19)

Arkansas 10 (40-18)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob	avg
Nick Roark 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	.311
Cal Hernandez 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	.324
Noah Cummings dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.310
Spencer Henson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	.354
Andrew Pace lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	.320
Nick Rotola cf	4	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	.337
Riley Keizor c	2	2	2	2	2	0	3	1	0	.299
Trevor McCutchin rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	.193
Harrison Smith ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	.255
Justin McGregor p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-
Brady Womacks p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Colton Larkins p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Grant Townsend p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Logan Michaels p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Totals	32	2	5	2	2	3	24	12	6	

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob	avg
Eric Cole rf	4	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	.322
Casey Martin 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	.340
Heston Kjerstad lf	5	2	3	4	0	0	4	0	1	.348
Luke Bonfield dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	.306
Hunter Wilson pr	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.304
Dominic Fletcher cf	4	0	2	0	1	0	6	0	0	.296
Carson Shaddy 2b	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	.331
Jared Gates 1b	4	1	1	0	1	1	8	0	0	.224
Grant Koch c	5	1	1	2	0	0	3	0	4	.254
Casey Opitz c	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.222
Jax Biggers ss	4	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	.294
Blaine Knight p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-
Cody Scroggins p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Totals	37	10	14	9	4	2	27	6	10	

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Oral Roberts	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	5	1
Arkansas	0	0	2	0	0	4	1	3	X	10	14	0

E - T. McCutchin(1). LOB - ORU 6; Arkansas 10. 2B - N. Rotola(12); C. Martin(10); J. Gates(6). HR - R. Keizor 2(5); H. Kjerstad 2(13); C. Shaddy(11); J. Biggers(4). HBP - A. Pace; C. Martin; C. Shaddy. SH - C. Shaddy(4). SB - G. Koch(4). CS - D. Fletcher(2).

Oral Roberts	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np	era
Justin McGregor	5.1	6	4	4	3	1	21	25	96	3.01
Brady Womacks	0.0	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	8	3.09
Colton Larkins	1.1	3	1	1	0	1	6	7	22	4.00
Grant Townsend	0.2	3	3	2	1	0	6	7	24	4.58
Logan Michaels	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	4.34

Arkansas	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np	era
Blaine Knight	8.0	3	2	2	1	2	27	29	104	2.70
Cody Scroggins	1.0	2	0	0	1	1	5	6	21	5.40

Win - B. Knight (11-0). Loss - J. McGregor (6-2). Save - None.

HBP - by B. Knight (A. Pace); by J. McGregor (C. Martin); by L. Michaels (C. Shaddy). Pitches/strikes: J. McGregor 96/52; B. Womacks 8/5; C. Larkins 22/17; G. Townsend 24/14; L. Michaels 5/3; B. Knight 104/67; C. Scroggins 21/15.

Umpires - HP: David Brown 1B: Kevin Sweeney 2B: Chuck Pack 3B: Linus Baker

Start: 2:04 pm Time: 3:12 Attendance: 9215

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 91 degrees



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Oral Roberts	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	5	1
Arkansas	0	0	2	0	0	4	1	3	X	10	14	0

Oral Roberts starters: 6/2b N. Roark; 5/3b C. Hernandez; 13/dh N. Cummings; 14/1b S. Henson; 28/lf A. Pace; 24/cf N. Rotola; 26/c R. Keizor; 23/rf T. McCutchin; 2/ss H. Smith; 10/p J. McGregor;

Arkansas starters: 8/rf E. Cole; 15/3b C. Martin; 18/lf H. Kjerstad; 17/dh L. Bonfield; 24/cf D. Fletcher; 20/2b C. Shaddy; 3/1b J. Gates; 33/c G. Koch; 9/ss J. Biggers; 16/p B. Knight;

Oral Roberts 1st - N. Roark grounded out to ss (0-2 KF). C. Hernandez flied out to cf (2-2 FBSBFFF). N. Cummings grounded out to p (1-1 KB). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Arkansas 1st - E. Cole grounded out to 2b (3-1 BBKB). C. Martin doubled to left center (2-0 BB). H. Kjerstad grounded out to 2b (0-0); C. Martin advanced to third. L. Bonfield grounded out to ss (1-1 BK). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Oral Roberts 2nd - S. Henson flied out to lf (1-2 KKB). A. Pace flied out to cf (3-2 BKBFB). N. Rotola singled, bunt (0-0). R. Keizor walked (3-2 BBFBSB); N. Rotola advanced to second. T. McCutchin flied out to lf (0-0). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Arkansas 2nd - D. Fletcher flied out to lf (0-0). C. Shaddy struck out swinging (1-2 KBKFS). J. Gates walked (3-1 BBFBB). G. Koch flied out to 2b (1-0 B). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Oral Roberts 3rd - H. Smith flied out to ss (0-0). N. Roark flied out to rf (2-2 KKBFB). C. Hernandez struck out swinging (2-2 KBSBS). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Arkansas 3rd - J. Biggers singled through the right side (3-2 BKBBF). E. Cole flied out to lf (1-1 BK). C. Martin flied out to lf (0-1 K). H. Kjerstad homered to left field, 2 RBI (2-0 BB); J. Biggers scored. L. Bonfield grounded out to 2b (3-2 FBFBFB). 2 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Oral Roberts 4th - N. Cummings struck out swinging (1-2 KBSS). S. Henson flied out to rf (0-0). A. Pace hit by pitch (0-1 K). N. Rotola flied out to cf (0-0). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Arkansas 4th - D. Fletcher grounded out to 2b (1-1 KB). C. Shaddy walked (3-0 BBBB). J. Gates grounded out to 2b (2-1 KBB); C. Shaddy advanced to second. G. Koch grounded out to ss (1-2 KFBFF). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Oral Roberts 5th - R. Keizor homered to left field, RBI (0-0). T. McCutchin flied out to cf (1-1 FB). H. Smith popped up to 1b (2-1 KBS). N. Roark flied out to cf (1-1 KB). 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Arkansas 5th - J. Biggers flied out to cf (3-2 KSBBBFF). E. Cole grounded out to p (1-2 BFK). C. Martin hit by pitch (1-1 SB). H. Kjerstad singled to right field (0-1 K); C. Martin advanced to third. L. Bonfield grounded out to ss (3-1 BBBK). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Oral Roberts 6th - C. Hernandez grounded out to 1b unassisted (2-0 BB). N. Cummings flied out to ss (1-1 KB). S. Henson grounded out to 3b (2-1 BBK). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Arkansas 6th - D. Fletcher walked (3-0 BBBB). D. Fletcher out at

second c to 2b, caught stealing. C. Shaddy homered to left center, RBI (2-2 BBKS). J. Gates doubled to right field (0-0). B. Womacks to p for J. McGregor. G. Koch singled to left field, RBI (3-2 BBBKS); J. Gates scored. J. Biggers homered to right field, 2 RBI (0-1 K); G. Koch scored. C. Larkins to p for B. Womacks. E. Cole singled to left field (1-1 KB). C. Martin grounded out to ss (1-0 B); E. Cole advanced to second. H. Kjerstad flied out to rf (1-2 KBK). 4 runs, 5 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Oral Roberts 7th - A. Pace flied out to lf (1-2 BKF). N. Rotola grounded out to ss (2-2 KKBFB). R. Keizor homered to left field, RBI (2-1 BBK). T. McCutchin grounded out to 2b (1-1 KB). 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Arkansas 7th - L. Bonfield singled through the left side (1-2 BFK). D. Fletcher singled to right center (0-1 F); L. Bonfield advanced to second. H. Wilson pinch ran for L. Bonfield. C. Shaddy grounded out to 3b, SAC, bunt (0-1 F); D. Fletcher advanced to second; H. Wilson advanced to third. J. Gates struck out swinging (1-2 SBSFS). G. Townsend to p for C. Larkins. G. Koch reached on a fielder's choice to third base, RBI (2-2 BKBFB); D. Fletcher advanced to third; H. Wilson scored. G. Koch stole second. J. Biggers flied out to 2b (3-2 BKBFB). 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Oral Roberts 8th - H. Smith fouled out to c (3-1 BKBB). N. Roark flied out to cf (0-2 SK). C. Hernandez flied out to lf (3-2 FBFFF). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Arkansas 8th - E. Cole walked (3-1 BSBBB). C. Martin out on batter's interference. H. Kjerstad homered to left field, 2 RBI (1-2 KSFBF); E. Cole scored. H. Wilson to dh. H. Wilson singled to left center (0-0). D. Fletcher singled through the right side, advanced to second on the throw, advanced to third on a throwing error by rf (0-0); H. Wilson scored, unearned. L. Michaels to p for G. Townsend. C. Shaddy hit by pitch (0-0). J. Gates flied out to cf (1-0 B). G. Koch flied out to cf (0-1 K). 3 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

Oral Roberts 9th - C. Scroggins to p for B. Knight. C. Opitz to c for G. Koch. N. Cummings struck out swinging (1-2 KBFS). S. Henson grounded out to 3b (1-2 KKB). A. Pace singled through the right side (0-0). N. Rotola doubled to left field (0-1 K); A. Pace advanced to third. R. Keizor walked (3-1 BKBBS). T. McCutchin reached on a fielder's choice to second base (0-2 KF); R. Keizor out at second 2b unassisted. 0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

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Arkansas Razorbacks (No. 1 Seed)

Head Coach Dave Van Horn

Opening Statement

"It was a really well-played game. For a while there it looked like it was going to be a pitchers' duel. I thought [Justin] McGregor threw it extremely well, especially early. He never really threw it over the middle of the plate. He kept us off balance. He threw a lot of changeups to our left-handed hitters. For right handers, he kept it fastball away for the most part. He kept the ball down.

"On the other hand, [Blaine] Knight just kept peppering the zone. Really, he was only threatened one inning. I think it might've been the third, where he had to throw maybe more than 15, 18, 20 pitches. Other than that, he gave up a couple of solo homers. Give credit to their hitters. They attacked the first one and just hammered it. And that's the way it goes. We just ask our pitchers to throw strikes, and that's what Blaine did. He walked one on the day, struck out a few. That's what we needed. We were trying to get as many innings out of him as we could with it being the first game of the tournament. He gave us exactly what we were hoping for.

"On the offensive end, Heston [Kjerstad] put a good swing on a ball and put it in the bullpen, which gave us a 2-0 lead and a chance to relax a little bit. Then, obviously, we chipped away a little bit, and hit a couple of more home runs. We put together a couple of nice innings, and then Heston finished it off with another home run opposite field. It was a pitch that looked like it was elevated and left over the plate a little bit. I'm not even sure what that pitch was. I think he might've tried to sneak a fastball by him. It might've been a changeup, but who knows."

On getting four postseason wins against Oral Roberts since 2015 ...

"We've played well, but the games have been tight. Honestly, I thought today was going to be a one-run game the way it was going ... I just think they have a good program. I feel fortunate we have an opportunity to play here and we've played well against them."

On Heston Kjerstad ...

"It's obviously fun having Heston on the team with the personality he has. He's always smiling and doesn't get down too much; if he does, he doesn't show it.

"He's just a great kid. He's a straight A student. If you had a bunch of Hestons on your team, you'd want to coach until you were 80. I'm just excited to think about him, obviously for the rest of this year, for the next couple of years as well.

"It's been since the day he walked in last fall. He led our team in hitting during the fall. We knew [Casey] Martin was going to be pretty good, but Heston quickly proved that he was going to start

"He's a smart kid. He doesn't panic, and he's been fun to watch."

#18 Heston Kjerstad | Freshman | Outfield

On the Razorbacks' hitting today ...

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"It shows the strength in our lineup. Every guy can hit the ball well. It's hard to pitch against a team where one through nine is a threat."

On having a good day at the plate following last week's SEC Tournament ...

"It feels good. Baseball is a hard game at times. You're not always going to be raking every weekend. You just have to learn from the times that are rough and keep doing what you're doing during the times that are good."

On his season as a whole ...

"It's just a lot of fun. To have the team we have and the ability to compete at this level has just been a blast."

#16 Blaine Knight | Junior | RHP

On pitching through the heat and giving up two home runs ...

"I stayed hydrated and tried to keep out of the sun as much as possible between innings. They have a very good lineup. They don't swing and miss a lot. When they get their pitch, they hammer it, and that's what that guy did with those two home runs. He sat on two pitches and hit them out. Props to him and their lineup for doing what they did."

On his effectiveness today and what worked well ...

"My slider, for the most part, was what was working really well for me. My fastball location was shaky. I was just trying to keep it over the plate."

On winning the first game ...

"It's huge. We're hosting and have home-field advantage, but all these teams are really good. To get a win and get ahead of everybody else is really nice."

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Oral Roberts Golden Eagles (No. 4 Seed)

Head Coach Ryan Folmar

Opening Statement

"First couple of innings went to script. Justin (McGregor) did really well. I knew we were going to have to make some big swings, but did not get enough swings. One of our strengths all year long has been our bullpen. Got away from us a little bit, but I feel like we have enough depth to come back and give it another run tomorrow. "

On Blaine Knight's performance ...

"He's good with good command, command of the fastball on both sides."

"We struck out two times in eight innings so I thought we did some good things at the plate, but he doesn't give you a chance to relax because it is strike after strike after strike."

On playing Arkansas in Baum Stadium ...

"It's tough to play away from home for anybody but you come over here and it's a great atmosphere. You come over here and they have a great team. I think as much as anything else, they have good players, have a good coach and are a good team."

#10 Justin McGregor | Sr. | RHP

On Arkansas' lineup ...

"They are all aggressive hitters and we knew that coming in. They hit the mistakes from my pitches."

On Heston Kjerstad ...

"I think he sees the ball well. He has a tall stance and can see the rotation."

On playing Arkansas in Baum Stadium ...

"They have a big advantage (at home) but we just have to come in here prepared for that."

#26 Riley Keizor | RSo. | C

On hitting two home runs in Friday's game ...

"I knew coming in they were going to try and get us with the fastball. (Blaine Knight) had a powerful fastball and he is going to try and get it by you."

On playing Arkansas in Baum Stadium ...

"It's a fun place to play. It gets rowdy and fun...just a fun environment to play in."

On Arkansas' lineup ...

"They did a good job of battling at the plate. Every time we made a mistake, they jumped all over it."