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Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob	avg	Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob	avg
Eric Cole rf	5	1	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	.335	Montenegro, Gabe lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	.293
Casey Martin 3b	5	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	.344	Guidry, Matthew 2b	3	1	1	1	1	0	3	3	0	.324
Heston Kjerstad lf	3	1	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	.342	Reynolds, Luke 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	.392
Luke Bonfield dh	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	.294	Wallner, Matt cf	4	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	.355
Dominic Fletcher cf	5	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	.297	Slater, Hunter 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	6	1	0	.306
Carson Shaddy 2b	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	4	0	.349	Keating, Daniel dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	.308
Grant Koch c	4	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	1	.245	Donaldson, Cole c	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	.251
Casey Opitz c	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.222	Bowen, Bryant c	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	.255
Jared Gates 1b	5	2	2	2	0	2	9	0	1	.240	Irby, Mason rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	.278
Jax Biggers ss	2	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	.282	Franklin, Fred cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	.294
Kacey Murphy p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	-	Boyd, LeeMarcus ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	.283
Caleb Bolden p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	Powers, Stevie p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Bryce Bonnin p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	Strickland, Mason p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Totals	37	10	13	10	5	5	27	7	7		Carroll, Cody p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
											Totals	32	2	5	2	2	6	27	11	5	

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Arkansas	0	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	10	13	1
Southern Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	1

E - J. Biggers; Guidry. DP - Arkansas 1; USM 2. LOB - Arkansas 7; USM 5. 2B - D. Fletcher; C. Shaddy; Wallner. 3B - C. Shaddy. HR - E. Cole; J. Gates; Guidry. HBP - H. Kjerstad. SF - J. Biggers.

Arkansas	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np	era	Southern Miss	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np	era
Kacey Murphy	8.0	2	0	0	1	5	27	28	100	2.62	Powers, Stevie	1.2	5	7	7	3	2	10	14	61	4.82
Caleb Bolden	0.0	3	2	2	0	0	3	3	11	5.02	Strickland, Mason	3.1	6	2	2	0	1	14	15	41	2.91
Bryce Bonnin	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	15	3.93	Carroll, Cody	4.0	2	1	1	2	2	13	15	48	2.23

Win - K. Murphy (8-4). Loss - Powers (5-2). Save - None.

WP - C. Carroll 2. HBP - by Powers (H. Kjerstad). Pitches/strikes: K. Murphy 100/70; C. Bolden 11/5; B. Bonnin 15/7; Powers 61/36; Strickland 41/27; C. Carroll 48/28.

Umpires - HP: Kevin Sweeney 1B: Linus Baker 2B: Joe Burleson 3B: David Brown

Start: 7:04 p.m Time: 2:53 Attendance: 10213

Weather: Cloudy



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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; 33/c G. Koch; 3/1b J. Gates; 9/ss J. Biggers; 21/p K. Murphy;
 Southern Miss starters: 14/lf Montenegro; 7/2b Guidry; 23/3b Reynolds; 32/cf Wallner; 21/1b Slater; 3/dh Keating; 18/c Donaldson; 11/rf Irby; 12/ss L. Boyd; 15/p Powers;

Arkansas 1st - E. Cole lined out to 3b. C. Martin singled up the middle. H. Kjerstad singled to left field; C. Martin advanced to third. L. Bonfield struck out looking. D. Fletcher reached on a fielder's choice; H. Kjerstad out at second ss to 2b. 0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Southern Miss 1st - Montenegro grounded out to 2b. Guidry flied out to lf. Reynolds flied out to cf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Arkansas 2nd - C. Shaddy walked. G. Koch flied out to cf. J. Gates homered to left field, 2 RBI; C. Shaddy scored. J. Biggers walked. E. Cole homered to right field, 2 RBI; J. Biggers scored. C. Martin struck out swinging. H. Kjerstad hit by pitch. L. Bonfield walked; H. Kjerstad advanced to second. D. Fletcher singled to right field, RBI; L. Bonfield advanced to third; H. Kjerstad scored. Strickland to p for Powers. C. Shaddy tripled to right center, 2 RBI; D. Fletcher scored; L. Bonfield scored. G. Koch grounded out to 3b. 7 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Southern Miss 2nd - Wallner grounded out to p. Slater flied out to lf. Keating struck out looking. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Arkansas 3rd - J. Gates struck out swinging. J. Biggers flied out to lf. E. Cole singled to center field. C. Martin flied out to rf. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Southern Miss 3rd - Donaldson lined out to rf. Irby grounded out to 1b unassisted. L. Boyd struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Arkansas 4th - H. Kjerstad reached on a fielding error by 2b. L. Bonfield grounded into double play 3b to 2b to 1b; H. Kjerstad out on the play. D. Fletcher lined out to 1b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 0 LOB.

Southern Miss 4th - Montenegro grounded out to ss. Guidry walked. Reynolds flied out to lf. Wallner grounded out to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Arkansas 5th - C. Shaddy singled to left field. G. Koch flied out to cf. J. Gates singled through the right side; C. Shaddy advanced to third. J. Biggers flied out to rf, SF, RBI; C. Shaddy scored. E. Cole singled to left center; J. Gates advanced to third. C. Martin singled to left center, advanced to second on the throw, RBI; E. Cole advanced to third, out at home lf to ss to c; J. Gates scored. 2 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Southern Miss 5th - Slater struck out swinging. Keating singled to left field. Donaldson grounded out to p; Keating advanced to second. Irby struck out swinging. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Arkansas 6th - C. Carroll to p for Strickland. H. Kjerstad walked. L. Bonfield grounded into double play ss to 2b to 1b; H. Kjerstad out

on the play. D. Fletcher flied out to lf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Southern Miss 6th - L. Boyd lined out to p. Montenegro flied out to lf. Guidry reached on an error by ss. Reynolds flied out to lf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

Arkansas 7th - Bowen to c for Donaldson. C. Shaddy struck out swinging. G. Koch walked. J. Gates reached on a fielder's choice; G. Koch out at second 1b to ss. J. Gates advanced to second on a wild pitch. J. Biggers grounded out to ss. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Southern Miss 7th - Wallner singled up the middle. Slater reached on a fielder's choice; Wallner out at second 2b to ss. Keating reached on a fielder's choice; Slater out at second 2b to ss. Bowen popped up to 2b. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Arkansas 8th - Wallner to rf. Franklin to cf for Irby. E. Cole grounded out to 2b. C. Martin flied out to rf. H. Kjerstad flied out to cf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Southern Miss 8th - Franklin lined out to 1b. L. Boyd flied out to rf. Montenegro struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Arkansas 9th - L. Bonfield flied out to cf. D. Fletcher doubled to right field. D. Fletcher advanced to third on a wild pitch. C. Shaddy doubled to left center, RBI; D. Fletcher scored. G. Koch flied out to cf; C. Shaddy advanced to third. J. Gates struck out looking. 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Southern Miss 9th - C. Opitz to c for G. Koch. C. Bolden to p for K. Murphy. Guidry homered to right field, RBI. Reynolds singled to center field. Wallner doubled to right center, RBI; Reynolds scored. B. Bonnin to p for C. Bolden. Slater walked. Keating lined into double play 1b unassisted; Slater out on the play. Bowen struck out swinging. 2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

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Arkansas Razorbacks (No. 1 Seed)

Head Coach Dave Van Horn

Opening Statement

"First off, I thought it really started on the mound with Casey Murphy's performance...70 strikes out of 100 pitches is pretty impressive. Southern Miss has a lineup as good as anyone in the country. They are big and physical and if you make a mistake, they can hit it a long way. In the second inning, we scored seven runs and four of those hits were with a couple outs. We kept coming up with a big hit and gave Casey a chance to relax a little bit and he did a great job. He saved our bullpen and gave us a chance to have our guys ready to go for the rest of the tournament."

On decision to start Jared Gates at first base ...

"(Jared) Gates is a good defender and at the time, we weren't getting much production out of the first baseman I was putting over there so I felt like I would go with the experienced guy. He seems to make a lot plays. We had a talk a while back and just told him he was playing, to relax a little bit and he just shook his head and we told him you're the guy. 'I have confidence in you and we need you.' And he sure has responded."

On Arkansas' defense ...

"We played pretty good defense down the stretch in Hoover. We had one game where it didn't go well and the last maybe ten (games) where we made four errors in a game, but other than that, it's been no errors or one. It hasn't been costly errors. It's always nice to see an outfielder make a dive and catch."

#3 Jared Gates | Senior | INF

On Carson Shaddy's impact on the game ...

"He's a fire starter for us. Usually when (Carson) Shaddy goes, we go. It was good to get Shaddy back doing what Shaddy does. The walk in the second inning kind of started things up and his triple was a good hit, scoring two with two outs I believe. It was good for Shaddy to get us going."

On recent hot streak since the SEC Tournament ...

"I just feel good up there right now. I had a rough season so far, but I don't know how to explain it. I'm just seeing the ball really well and getting good swings on it. I just have a lot of confidence in myself right now and I'm just going to keep it going."

#20 Carson Shaddy | R-Senior | INF

On emotion after triple in the second inning ...

"I wouldn't say it was frustration because I didn't have any frustrations. I have been swinging fine in my opinion. I just haven't had things fall. It was just the heat of the moment and I just got really excited."

On Arkansas' approach at the plate ...

"We've just been doing the same thing we've been doing all year. I think that they just pitched us a little bit different than we're usually pitched and I think that's just a true testament to Coach (Nate) Thompson. He's really worked with us on staying on the ball and staying to it and seeing the ball deep

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and the other way. I think we're a team that can do a lot of things in opposite field and power is one thing we're very good at."

#21 Kacey Murphy | Junior | LHP

On his approach against Southern Miss ...

"I stick to the same approach every game. I just go in with those key pitches. I mean as a pitcher, they hit everything really well. Coach (Dave) Van Horn said it, they are a really good hitting team. They're off the plate a lot so I kind of used my strength to their weakness."

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Southern Miss Golden Eagles (No. 2 Seed)

Head Coach Scott Berry

Opening Statement

"We obviously ran into a very good Arkansas team tonight, which we knew going in. [Kacey] Murphy really pitched well. I thought he mixed his pitches, used both sides of the plate, and really was in control of us. Offensively, we haven't been held down that way for a long time this year. I feel like that's how good he pitched. I was proud of the way our guys battled back there at the end, we didn't go away quietly, certainly they made a decision to go to the pen and save him a little bit, but we did have some good at-bats there and were able to scratch for a couple of runs to take that zero off there. Defensively, Stevie (Powers), he just didn't command the secondary. I think Arkansas had that momentum going and of course, the atmosphere with how ever many thousand people were there energized their hitters and it really showed. We've been in this situation before. Last Saturday, a week ago when Charlotte hit us for a loss that night we had to come back play the next day and certainly had to win two the next day with the second being a championship, but tomorrow we need to win two to get to Monday. But we'll have to take the first game against Dallas Baptist before we can look ahead.

On the defensive plays tonight by both teams ...

"Really good plays. It seemed like when the ball got up there above the lights, it was really traveling. If it stayed down below the lights, it was holding up enough for some really good outfielders to make some tremendous plays. I feel like Arkansas really played well, particularly early in the game. They took away some possible hits and things that could've gotten the momentum going ... You don't know how momentum really kind of swings. Certainly, there early in the game, when we hit probably our hardest balls against Murphy, those guys played it well."

On Arkansas second baseman Carson Shaddy ...

"He's an energetic young man. I knew that. I competed against his dad in high school back several years ago. His dad was the same way, and I know he played here. You can just tell he's a gamer. He really competes both at the plate and defensively. He's kind of their guy that just really sparks them. I watched him out there on defense, and he was the first guy to compliment somebody who made a big play. And it wasn't just with his mouth from a distance. He moved his feet to that guy and let him know. He's a nice player, and they have several of those on that team."

On planning to start RHP and Fayetteville, Ark., native Walker Powell tomorrow ...

"I know he's probably excited and anxious to get out there, coming back home. We never know how that's going to play out. All we can do is, if you're a player or coach, is ask for an opportunity. I have total confidence in Walker. I hope he doesn't try to do more than he's capable of doing because of the atmosphere. If he stays within himself, he'll do well."

#23 Luke Reynolds | Junior | INF

On Arkansas starting pitcher Kacey Murphy ...

"I felt like (Kacey) Murphy was commanding the zone well. It's not like we could take our time through at-bats because he was filling the zone up. I thought we barreled some balls up but just right at people. It's a game of momentum. They had tempo. They punched us in the mouth, and we just didn't answer. But, we're a resilient bunch, and I think we'll be just fine tomorrow."

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#7 Matthew Guidry | Sophomore | INF

On Arkansas starting pitcher Kacey Murphy ...

“Like Luke said, [Murphy] was around the zone all night. Whenever a guy is doing that, it’s hard to take him deep into at-bats. You just have to work through counts and do whatever you have to do to extend his pitch count. We thought we had some well hit balls either right to somebody or ended up being a good play. That just feeds into the momentum. We’re a resilient bunch and I feel like we’re just going to come out here tomorrow against two good teams to beat. I’m looking forward to getting out there again tomorrow.”