



SOFTBALL

POSTGAME QUOTES: ARKANSAS 4, SDSU 0

Courtney Deifel, Arkansas Head Coach

"I was really pleased by the way our team came out today. I thought Linnie (Malkin)'s home run in the second was a momentum shifter, and I just thought our team did a really good job of sticking to our plan on both sides."

"It's always nice to go into Sunday as the undefeated team that has to be beat twice, so I feel good about that, but I won't take any breaths, and we'll watch really closely what happens in the next couple games and continue to prepare for tomorrow."

On Linnie Malkin, "She has the ability to change the game. You're seeing a very confident Linnie, and she had trust in the plan and executed it really well."

Mary Haff, Arkansas Pitcher

"Today, I controlled my emotions better and just let the game come to me. It's all about my preparation, and I prepared for this, and I just have to trust that and stay with the process."

"After Linnie (Malkin)'s two-run home run, you kind of felt (South Dakota State) get tense in the box and swing at things they didn't want to swing at, so having that lead early in the game really made me more comfortable and I think made their offensive approaches more pressed."

On her status for tomorrow, "The motto of our entire team is champions don't get tired, so it's going to take what it takes, and we're going to go as hard as we can for as long as we can."

Krista Wood, SDSU Head Coach

"I think our team gave a good performance. We got ourselves in some positions to score, and we just didn't come out with that base hit. We showed a lot of fight, and I thought Grace (Glanzer) had a good performance on the mound. I'm proud of our team and the way they came out today. We just didn't get that timely hit that we needed."

On Mary Haff, "She did a good job locating her lower pitches, and we just didn't jump on those right away, and then she got us to swing at the upper balls out of the zone. So, we needed to attack earlier in the count, and we didn't do that until later in the game."

On playing in an elimination game Saturday night, "I think what it's all about right now is how we are going to respond. How are we going to be resilient to this? We fought hard, and I do think we play good under pressure. We've got to keep fighting and fighting together, so we can come out and we can make it to Sunday."

Peyton Daugherty, SDSU Outfielder

"I think during the whole game we had runners in scoring position multiple times, and I think we did a really good job of applying pressure to them. It was a big game for us, but I'm really proud of our team that we came out and were ready to go."

On playing in an elimination game Saturday night, "I think our team does really well in pressure situations. I think that this is a really good opportunity for us. We've been there, we've done that. Stanford or Manhattan, whoever our opponent is, we do a really good job of just playing our game and not worrying about who is in the other dugout."



