



# SOFTBALL

## POSTGAME QUOTES: ARKANSAS 8, MANHATTAN 0

### Courtney Deifel, Arkansas Head Coach

"I thought it was a great game. I thought Manhattan did a really good job of keeping us off-balance early. And I felt like our team did a really good job of keeping our emotions and letting the game come to us. So, I'm just really glad to get the first one."

"I felt like we got better as the game went (on). I thought we had a little slow start, and I don't think we had our best stuff early. And I think we just stayed the course and took what they gave us, got some big hits when we needed them. Mary (Haff) didn't have her best stuff but found ways to get outs today. I thought it was a great time win, altogether."

On Malkin, "She was clearly seeing it really well, she was swinging it really confidently. I thought she was a huge spark for us."

On Stanford/SDSU, "I'm interested to see them live. They're both playing their best softball of the year. South Dakota State has put together a very, very great season. Winning their conference tournament, they're obviously playing really well. And Stanford, their last three matchups in the Pac-12 were three of their best."

### Linnie Malkin, Arkansas Designated Player

"It's an amazing environment here at Bogle, and you could feel it. Everyone was cheering, ready for us to get back on (the field), and it helps us a lot knowing that our home field has the best fans, in our opinion."

On the 5th inning, "We draw a lot of walks on this team. Just keeping our composure in the box and not swinging at anything we don't want to swing at and playing as a team. It was fun."

On her double, "We had been practicing hitting the outside pitch, and I was just ready to hit. It's been a long time since we played, so just preparing for that made it a lot better."

### Tom Pardalis, Manhattan Head Coach

"First three innings were pretty good. It was very interesting getting used to the atmosphere, which was nice. When we fell behind 3-0, I decided I needed to save some innings and pitches for Nicole (Williams)."

"The big inning when we started walking people, it got away from us then."

On Mary Haff, "She's a good pitcher. I thought we made good contact off her in the beginning, I thought we hit some shots and they ran them down. So, I thought we had a good approach to her. We did a good job making her throw to our zone instead of chasing. But basically, I think we did a pretty nice job against her."

### Lauren Rende, Manhattan Infielder

"We knew regardless of whether (Arkansas was) going to hit the ball over our heads or play some small ball, I think we were prepared to get some runners on base, and I think we were expecting some runners on base, so I think we just had to adjust to the situations."

"I think we were all really excited to be here. I think we had a really good time coming out."

"I think we're a very strong hitting team, and we knew we were going to hit some hard balls today, just didn't turn out the way we wanted to."



