



# SOFTBALL

## POSTGAME QUOTES: ARIZONA 10, ARKANSAS 4

### Mike Candrea, Arizona Head Coach

#### RE: On The Game

"We did about everything right. The offense got some key hits and we got ahead early. We got a good pitching performance and some good defensive plays. The line drive catch in the last inning was a big one. But we've got a lot of softball left. It's one game and we'll get ready for tomorrow."

#### RE: Hanah Bowen

"... I love Hanah [Bowen] in the circle because she's highly competitive, very active, very confident, and throws the ball on four different planes. I mean she's got a lot of stuff. You look at her stats and you think she brings it pretty darn good for her size. The thing I love about her is that she's a really active part of the whole defense. I think our defense feeds off of her. Tonight she threw some good pitches that were hit hard, but Arkansas is a good hitting team. We knew that coming in. I tip my hat off to Hanah Bowen on a great performance tonight."

### Dejah Mulipola, Arizona Catcher

#### RE: What Arizona Was Seeing At The Plate

"I think we were just trusting our eyes. It wasn't necessarily what the other pitcher was throwing against us. It was just getting our pitches, making sure that she's throwing pitches that we want to hit, and squaring them up. I think one through nine, whoever we put out there, is great offensively. And that showed tonight."

#### RE: How The Performance Tonight Affects Tomorrow

"It gives us a lot of confidence, but I think we can't get complacent. We still have one more game. We still have a lot of softball left. Obviously Arkansas is going to want to beat us. So, we have to come out and compete."

### Courtney Deifel, Arkansas Head Coach

#### RE: On The Game

"Just not our night. Have to give a lot of credit to Arizona, they can swing it, we knew that coming in. We just know going into the weekend we're going to have to be better and fight a little harder tomorrow."

#### RE: On Tomorrow's Start

"I just think we need to fight a little harder. I think it's more so, we need to be tougher across the board and that starts in our demeanor. That's what I want to see early, if runs get produced from that then great.... They were better than us in every area. They deserved to win tonight."

#### RE: Pitching changes and decisions

"I think we need to be mindful of how we use pitchers and where we're at in the game and how it's going. Jenna has been great for us this year; she's thrown some really big innings for us, so we went to her. I honestly want to give a lot of credit to Allie Light, I think she came in and she was ready for the moment and I thought she did a very good job. I don't think Mary's rise was kicking like it usually does and everything that she has is effective off of that. So, I don't think she had her best stuff and I also think Arizona had a great game plan."

#### RE: The biggest adjustment for tomorrow

"Post season is all about toughness, that's what we've relied on all year and I just don't think we were very tough tonight. I don't think we were very tough in any facet of our game. I don't think we were very tough from the circle, I don't think we played great defense, I don't think we fought like we typically do in the box. I think I need to be better too. We need to get back to what got us here and it's the fight, it's the toughness, it's the heart, it's the belief and we need to get back to that."

### Braxton Burnside, Arkansas Shortstop

#### RE: On bouncing back after tonight's loss

"We just have to make sure we stay within ourselves and understand that runs don't roll over to tomorrow. We can't make it any bigger than what it is, it's just one game. They earned nothing more than that. We have to get back to just being us, focusing on our side of the field and not letting any outside distractions affect us more than they should."

#### RE: Rejuvenating the offense for tomorrow

"I don't think our offense was terrible tonight, obviously we need to score more runs. I don't think there's huge adjustments that need to be made. I think we fought a little harder in the sixth inning when the run rule was right there, so we'll need to find that fight sooner. We'll see who they throw at us tomorrow, but I just think it's minor adjustments, nothing major."

#### RE: Hannah Gammill's Home Run and falling behind early

"I think Hannah's home run was huge because we were able to avoid the run rule. It was good for us mentally and it was good because it showed us that we had that fight in us. We knew going in Arizona's offense was incredible, their going to hit the ball hard one through nine, just about every single at-bat. You know, obviously Mary will tell you she needs to be better in the circle but we needed to be better in all three facets of the game. It don't think it all fall in the pitching circle. They were just able to get the momentum early and we could never get it back."



