



# FAYETTEVILLE NCAA SUPER REGIONAL

**June 12, 2021**

**Arkansas vs. NC State**

## POSTGAME QUOTES: NC STATE 6, ARKANSAS 5

### DAVE VAN HORN, Arkansas Head Coach

#### Opening Statement

"Tough loss, couldn't quite get over the hump. We got it within one, I thought Kevin [Kopps] did a great job. You have to give [Evan] Justice credit, he didn't give us much those last couple of innings. [Sam] Highfill threw a great game, he kept us off the bases. Just the way it works, gotta go down to the last day to see who advances."

#### RE: Lael Lockhart's Performance

"He was just behind most all the hitters. He wasn't really landing things, when he's on he can spot it up pretty good. He did throw a few fastballs in on the righties and we thought, 'okay, we're going to be okay,' but they were just ahead in the count."

#### RE: NC State's Sam Highfill's Performance

"He took a lot of fastballs away, spotted them pretty good. We swung at some high pitches, we were out of the zone too much. We had a chance to walk a couple of times but we swung at too many balls or fouled them off, swung and missed. He just got us to swing at it and it cost us."

#### RE: Responding For Game Three

"They usually respond and they play pretty well when it comes down to winning a series. I think it's going to be a great ball game and I'm looking forward to it. I think NC State did a great job coming back today. We knew what was going on yesterday, they were throwing pitchers they didn't plan on using and we took advantage of it and got some hits. We knew today was going to be tough and they'd throw their guys at us and when they got ahead of us they got real confident."

#### RE: Late Rally

"NC State helped that rally along, they had a throwing error that extended our inning and scored a run. Christian [Franklin] took some really good swings, fouled some straight back and you're thinking, 'man, maybe he's going to tie this up,' but Justice didn't let it happen."

### CHARLIE WELCH, Arkansas DH

#### RE: Late Rally In Seventh Inning

"As a club, I think we think we can comeback from any deficit. All year we have shown that we can strike quick and score a lot before you know it the mindset really is tie it up and go from there. One run at a time one pitch, one at bat, but came up a little bit short today but we'll be alright."

#### RE: NC State's Sam Highfill's Performance Effectiveness

"His change in arm slot from top to the side arm, you really don't see that too often. He was creating some bad swings for a couple of guys even got the out on it. The elevated fast ball was really working for him, I think. It was not anything crazy we have not seen before. Was just a little bit of a cold streak."

#### RE: Coach Van Horn's Message

"We've been doing this all year. Just stay who we are do not try and do anything different. It's all about winning the series two games so we know what we have to do, and nothing changes just because it's super regionals nothing changes it's just another game."