**2017 SEC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**



**MAY 23-28 | HOOVER METROPOLITAN STADIUM | HOOVER, ALA.**

| GAME 10 | ARKANSAS (12), AUBURN (0) | NOTES AND QUOTES |

**ARKANSAS POST-GAME NOTES**

• Arkansas improved to 40-16 on the season and 29-38 at the SEC Tournament.

• The Razorbacks are now 4-5 vs. Auburn at the SEC Tournament.

• Arkansas’ 12 runs marked the most scored in a SEC Tournament game in program history.

• The Razorback pitchers combined for the first no-hitter in SEC Tournament history.

• Chad Spanberger set the SEC Tournament record for most home runs in a single game with three.

• Spanberger set the SEC Tournament record for most RBI in a single game with seven.

• Spanberger’s grand slam is the second of the week. The last time there were two grand slams in the SEC Tournament was 2008.

• Spanberger is the second player to hit multiple home runs in a single game today (Carlos Cortes, South Carolina). The last time this occurred was in 2001.

• Jax Biggers tied the SEC Tournament single-game and school record with two triples. The last time this occurred was in 2000.

• The Razorbacks’ have hit 74 home runs this season, tied for seventh most in a single season in program history.

**AUBURN POST-GAME NOTES**

• Auburn fell to 35-24 on the season and 32-46 in the SEC Tournament but still leads the all-time series, 44-40.

• Freshman Daniel Davis recorded his first SEC Tournament start on the mound. In 3.1 innings, he threw five strike outs and gave up four runs and six hits.

• Auburn gave up 12 runs and 14 hits in seven innings and is the first team to be run ruled in the 2017 SEC Baseball Tournament and the 27th all-time.

• In 510 games, the Tigers are the first team in SEC Tournament history to not gain a single hit in a game.

**ARKANSAS COACH DAVE VAN HORN**

*Opening Statement …*

“Well just a great job by our team. We have been hanging in there and it has been a long day. The first game got away from us, unlike this ballgame where we seemed to take charge early. Mostly because Chad (Spanberger) hit a solo homer in the first, a 2-run homer in the third and with that we were off and running. (Chad Spanberger’s) The grand slam in the fourth put us in pretty good shape, giving us the opportunity to save some pitching and relax a little bit. Those hits also got a guy like Matt (Cronin) in the game, and because of our position in the game, gave us an opportunity to leave him in a little bit longer. He really did a super job.

*On this team compared to last year’s team…*

“This team is very tough minded. I think a little bit of that is how we finished last year. You can think back on the way it went last May, anything that could go wrong went wrong. If we needed a hit, we didn't get it. If we needed a pitch, we didn't make it. So, we kinda got left behind. This year, about seven days after school started, we started ball practice. We all had the same mindset. Players know you have to move on. Baseball is a game of short memory, we moved on and now we are ready to play a great ball game tomorrow.”

**MATT CRONIN, P**

*On how you felt about breaking 2 tournament records …*

“I think that the pitchers and the hitters kind of feed off each other. Although it makes it more fun out there when you have 12 runs behind you.”

**CHAD SPANBERGER, 1B**

*On how it feels to hit 3 home runs …*

“It’s great, it puts great confidence on the team. But it wasn't just me, it was great pitching that also helped us play great today.”

**AUBURN COACH BUTCH THOMPSON**

*Opening Statement …*

“I would like to think the city of Hoover for all of the services they have given me and my players for these three games. No matter good or bad, we got a great learning experience being here in Hoover. We had a couple of hard fought games and a tough one today, but all and all I think this has helped prepare us for our next phase. Again, I just appreciate everything the SEC and this city has done with this first-class tournament.”

*On how they tried to pitch Chad Spanberger …*

“We were trying to pitch him with a left hander. When he hit the home run on us today, we really wanted to be aggressive. I thought the aggression hurt him in the first two at-bats. They threw three-consecutive fastballs with a 2-0 count. So, he hit the first one and the second he gets a different pitch. It was probably a poor location, but at least the third time, he is already set up. He ended up hitting the third one, which was very disappointing because we had two outs. They came in swinging the bat, but at the same time, I think the first eight runs of the ballgame were because of Spanberger. He gets all the credit; the way he executed. Our fans were walking, but we were still trying to do everything we could to execute and stay in the ballgame. We had fastballs and three new pitchers, but I think this will be a great learning experience for us in preparation for regionals.”

**Daniel Robert, RF**

*On how tough this loss was …*

“Any time you lose, it does not feel good, especially the way we did. Things like that kind of happen for a reason. You learn today how to bounce back and help your team get to its next destination.”