**2017 SEC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**



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

| GAME 14 | ARKANSAS (9), MISSISSIPPI STATE (2) | NOTES AND QUOTES |

**ARKANSAS POST-GAME NOTES**

• Arkansas improved to 41-16 on the season and 30-38 at the SEC Tournament.

• The Razorbacks are now 5-2 vs. Mississippi State at the SEC Tournament.

• Dave Van Horn has lead Arkansas to its ninth 40-plus win season in his 14th year with the Razorbacks.

• The Razorbacks have hit 75 home runs this season, tied for sixth most in a single season in program history.

• Jax Biggers recorded his third triple of the week, setting a record for most triples by an individual player at the SEC Tournament.

• All nine Razorback starters reached base at least once, with Biggers leading Arkansas at the plate going 3-for-5 with a single, double and triple with three RBIs.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE POST-GAME NOTES**

• Mississippi State falls to 36-24 on the season and is eliminated from the SEC Tournament.

• The Bulldogs became the first team to lose two games in one day at the SEC Tournament since May 23, 2009, when Georgia suffered a pair of losses to LSU.

• MSU’s loss marks the first time it’s lost to Arkansas in the SEC Tournament since May 23, 2011, 7-2.

• After finishing 0-for-4, Ryan Gridley’s career-best hitting streak ended at 10 games.

• Through four games played, MSU remains the only team without an error in the 2017 SEC Tournament.

• In his 11th start of the season, Jacob Billingsley worked a career-long tying 5.0 innings, marking the fifth time he’s done so this season — most recently on April 15, 2017, in his start at South Carolina.

• Cody Brown collected his seventh home run of the season with a solo shot to lead off the seventh to place him second on the team in that category.

**ARKANSAS COACH DAVE VAN HORN**

*On the game tonight …*

“I thought Blaine came out in the first inning and had really good stuff. The second inning, he got a couple hitters 0-2, had a couple of hits, and he seemed frustrated. Coach talked to him a little bit, and I actually went over and said a couple things to him. I just told him to relax and have some fun.”

**JAX BIGGERS, INF**

*On his record number of triples in the game …*

“I just want to hit it hard and square up the middle. I’ll definitely take the triples.”

**MISSISSIPPI SSTATE COACH ANDY CANNAZARO**

*Opening Statement …*

“Obviously we got into a tough ballgame tonight. Jacob Bilingsley was outstanding. He got us halfway through the ballgame and did a good job of throwing his fastball and slider for strikes today, and he got us halfway through the ball game in a 1-1 tie. Blaine Knight was really good for those guys.”

**JACOB BILLINGSLEY, P**

*On what worked tonight …*

“I had both my two-seam and slider working well, which ended up being big pitches for me today. Being able to command both in whatever count I needed to was big. Getting ahead and getting those early contact outs was big especially early in the game.”