**2017 SEC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT**



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

| GAME 15 | ARKANSAS (16), FLORIDA (0) | NOTES AND QUOTES |

**ARKANSAS POST-GAME NOTES**

• Arkansas improved to 42-16 on the season and 31-38 at the SEC Tournament.

• This is the Razorbacks’ second SEC Tournament semifinal in four years.

• The Razorbacks are now 4-3/3-4 against the Florida Gators at the SEC Tournament.

• Arkansas has not been to the SEC Tournament Championship game since 2007, when it was defeated by Vanderbilt 7-4.

• Arkansas has never won the SEC Tournament Championship.

• Chad Spanberger is now tied for sixth in program history with 19 home runs this season

• Dominique Fletcher is one short of tying Zack Cox for the most home runs by a Freshman in Razorbacks history.

• The last time a team had four home runs in an SEC Tournament game was Vanderbilt vs. Missouri in 2015.

• There have now been four run-ruled games, a tournament record.

• Sunday’s finalists — Arkansas and LSU — have outscored their opponents by a combined scored of 71-9.

**FLORIDA POST-GAME NOTES**

• Florida dropped to 42-16 on the season and 67-62 at the SEC Tournament.

• The Gators are 3-4 vs. Arkansas at the SEC Tournament.

• Jonathan India has reached base in every game this week, extending his on-base streak to nine games.

• Florida has only been shutout one other time this season (2-0 vs. Vanderbilt).

• The last time Florida was shutout at the SEC Tournament was in 2014 vs. LSU.

**ARKANSAS COACH DAVE VAN HORN**

*Opening statement …*

“First off great job by Kacey (Murphy) and the rest of our defense. We kept it going, and I think he threw 35 pitches the first inning. We knew how hard it is to recover from that, so we were all thinking that he wasn’t going to stay in the game for very long. Despite what we thought, Kacey (Murphy) did a great job of staying and helping us get back in the dugout. He helped us keep the momentum on our side and let the offence take over. It’s one of those games as a coach that you hope for but you don’t expect.”

*On the game tomorrow ...*

“We played one more game than LSU, so we used more pitching. For him (Kacey Murphy) to go out and give us a complete seven-inning game was huge for our bullpen. It gave us an opportunity to save some arms for tomorrow. I am not sure of what order we are going to pitch tomorrow, but Coach Johnson and I will talk that out tonight and figure out a line-up before tomorrow morning. Our whole goal was to just get through today and give it a shot. Now that we have, we are ready for tomorrow.”

**CHAD SPANBERGER, 1B**

*On all the attention you receive, do you think you deserve it …*

 “It feels like I am on cloud nine. Lately, I have gone up there and I have seen every pitch. When I am up there, I try to get every pitch I can and at least get swings on them. I just have to go up there and have confidence and trust my approach.”

**KACEY MURPHY, P**

*On starting this game …*

“I actually got the call this morning in the hotel. Coach (Dan Van Horn) asked if I was good to go today and if I was ready to get us going and I was.”

**DOMINIC FLETCHER, CF**

*On the game tomorrow …*

“We are really excited to get another shot at them (Florida) after what happened at home. We are really excited to be in the championship and get a shot at them again.”

**FLORIDA COACH KEVIN O’SULLIVAN**

*Opening Statement …*

“Obviously, credit to Arkansas. They came out and swung the bats really well. It is the first time Brady has been hit like that all year. Credit their hitters. They did a really nice job. We fell behind early, and it was hard for us to play catch up.

*On Brady Singer’s performance …*

“No. I thought some of the pitches he threw were pretty good. A bunch of his hits were ground balls through the infield. There were some really good quality pitches in the bottom half of the zone that they didn’t chase, and he was able to lock in some counts.”

**JONATHAN INDIA, INF**

On building off of the tournament …

“Yes, especially the Mississippi State game and coming back like that is a big confidence booster for us. It shows we have a lot of heart, and we can build on this going into regionals.”