



2019 SEC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
MAY 21-26 | HOOVER METROPOLITAN STADIUM | HOOVER, ALA.

GAME 13 | Ole Miss 3, Arkansas 2 | NOTES AND QUOTES

POST-GAME NOTES

- Today's win moves Ole Miss to 82-61 all-time in SEC Tournament games and 4-5 against Arkansas in the tournament.
- The win brings the Rebels' record to 47-49 in the 95 game series with Arkansas.
- Today's win is the Rebels' first of the season against a Top 5 team. Their last win against a Top 5 opponent came against Arkansas on March 31, 2018.
- Gunnar Hogle reached a career high 6.1 innings pitched. This passes his last outing at Tennessee, where he pitched 6.0 innings.
- Hogle's 96 pitches against Arkansas are a career high. His previous high was 86 pitches thrown against Alabama on March 17th.
- Parker Caracci recorded his 10th save of the season, his second of the tournament.
- Kevin Graham hit his 9th home run of the season, his second in four games this season against Arkansas. He is 2nd among SEC Freshmen in home runs.
- After going 1-3 at the plate, Graham extends his hitting streak to 11 games
- Thomas Dillard drew his 51st walk of the season, 2nd best in the SEC.
- Grae Kessinger recorded his 79th hit of the season, which is leading the SEC.

Ole Miss Coach Mike Bianco

Opening Statement ...

"I just thought it was another really well pitched by us. Defensively, we were terrific. Another day where we struggled offensively and I think certainly, a lot of credit has to go to [Connor] Noland and a very good Arkansas pitching staff. Some of it is our own demise, but the neat thing, I think, for me sitting in the dugout is just the way the kids kept their composure, continued to play defense, continued to pitch, so you can win this type of game. Great effort by Gunnar [Hogle] today, a true freshman, that just seems to get better, and better with each outing. Of course, a great finish by [Austin] Miller and [Parker] Caracci on the back end."

On Gunnar Hogle ...

"He just continues to get better week in and week out. As a coach, that's one of the rewarding things to watch a guy that maybe wasn't at his best at the beginning of the year. He had a lot of expectations, a lot of pressure on him. He's handled it. He's come through. He was awesome the last few weeks."

Ole Miss SP Gunnar Hogle

On his outing ...

"I felt really good. Emotionally, I was so excited. I knew I was going to get the ball, and I was just anxious the whole time. Game time hit, and I was just ready to go."

Ole Miss LF Thomas Dillard

On ability to come through late in game ...

"The fact that we have a veteran offense. We know that you have to play nine innings. You have to get all 27 outs. The guys at the back, we want that challenge. We want the best bullpen arms. We want the best starters. Even if we have a bad seven innings, we still have two innings left to put an inning together."



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- The Arkansas Razorbacks are now 34-42 overall in the SEC Tournament. The Razorbacks' record against the Rebels is now 49-50 all-time and 6-4 in the SEC tournament.
- With this afternoon's loss, the Razorbacks' record is now 10-6 after suffering a loss on the season.
- Also the Razorbacks picked up on their second loss of the season when leading after seven innings to now stand at 37-2.
- This marked the 11th-straight game in the SEC Tournament the Razorbacks strike first. Their record is now 6-5 in that span.
- Matt Goodheart's two-run bomb in the top half of the fourth marked Arkansas' 78th home run of the season. The team's 78 home runs tie Arkansas for first with Vanderbilt in the SEC.
- Goodheart's two-hit, two-RBI performance tallies to his 18th multi-hit game and ninth multi-RBI game of the season.
- Jack Kenley's streak of reaching base safely came to a halt after 22 consecutive games.
- Freshman Connor Noland threw 5.0 innings, allowing one run on two hits and one walk, while fanning 2. Noland continues to deny opposing batters free passage to first, making today the 17 appearances, 16 of which were starts, in which he walks two or less.
- The two runs allowed by Zebulon Vermillion ties the most runs scored on him in his collegiate career, he also suffered his first collegiate loss.

Arkansas Coach Dave Van Horn

Opening Statement ...

"I thought both starting pitchers did a good job. Both of them had to work out of a couple of jams, but for the most part threw strikes. We left some runners out there again today, obviously it came back to get us. We created our own jam there in the eighth. That's not the way we wanted to go down, but they had a couple of big hits. They had one big hit anyway. It was a good ballgame. I knew it was going to be close. We were to the point where we were going to bring in a couple of freshmen if it didn't go well. Now we have to get ready for the regional."

On the low scores during the tournament...

"I think the pitching is really good in the league. I have said this all year that this is the deepest I have ever seen the pitching in this league. There are a lot of guys that throw really hard, but there are guys that can just pitch. Veteran guys, young guys, freshman pitching on the weekend. It just seems that now we are all here together, maybe it is right after the 30th game of the season, teams are just a little tired at swinging the bats and pitchers are on their game a little bit. The pitchers dominate. It is just deep pitching. Credit the coaches and the kids for being ready to pitch right away."

Arkansas Sophomore Designated Hitter Matt Goodheart

On the recent offensive struggle s...

“The pitch I hit was a two-strike fastball. Really, I was just in defense mode trying to foul off close pitches and I got enough of that one. Honestly, I am not too concerned about our offensive struggles here. I know what this team is capable of doing. I hope they know too because we can really swing the bats when things click.”

Arkansas Freshman Right-Handed Pitcher Connor Noland

On Coach Horn’s plan to keep pitchers sharp for regional play ...

“The plan coming in was to keep up with the pitch count. Obviously we want to rest up for the regional, that is the main focus. I thought it went well today. I attacked the zone.”