



University of Arizona

Head Coach Caitlin Lowe, Tele Jennings, Jenna Sniffen

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Opening Statement:

“I’m just really, really proud of the fight we had today against Duke. They’re a great team, top to bottom, and I thought we came out playing to win today. I thought yesterday felt a little more like playing not to lose, and today felt like we came out and just stuck to our plan, stuck to our game, and were relentless at the plate, on the mound and defensively. Just really proud.”

On playing not to lose...

“Well, I think sometimes it feels like we’re on our heels, and pitchers might be attacking us, versus us attacking them. Today we knew what we were hunting. Even when we were missing, it seemed like we got right back in it the next time and made the adjustment right away. I think that was a really big deal. I thought someone like Tele [Jennings], her first at bat, she was on everything; failed at the end, but it didn’t matter. She knew she was going to do it the next time. Jenna [Sniffen] hits a ball hard to right field but she doesn’t let it deflate her. She gets up the next time and she hits a home run. I think it’s just that understanding that you’re knocking on the door and you’re right there, and it’s our job with our mentality to just bust right through it.”

On the defensive plays early in the game and what stood out...

“I mean, all of them [stood out]. I think even Tayler Biehl in the seventh inning – her double play was massive against a really great hitter. Addie Duke – diving for that ball in left field was huge to lead off an inning. I mean, everything. I think Kiki [Escobar] stopping that ball that had an insane spin on it for the last out, that’s just them staying locked in. That’s who we want them to be every single day in practice and it’s no surprise that it shows up on game day.”

On the luxury of having Regan Shockey in center field...

“Regan Shockey is the best center fielder in the country, bar none, [and] probably the world right now, and I don’t say that lightly. We take a lot of pride in defense and she does everything well. It’s not surprising because she gains inches every single day in practice. All of these guys do, so for me it’s a luxury, and you kind of get used to it. But at the same time, when she has to turn on the jets - really all of them - they’re just working for those inches. So, I expect it out of her, and that’s not always the best to say, but she is second to none, really.”

On making in-game adjustments...

“Well, as far as I know, we were learning from those things and making adjustments. I think when you’re facing good teams, that’s what it has to be. You can have a plan to start the game and then you’ve got to be able to have some adjustability there in the middle because against good pitch callers and against good pitchers. They’re going to make adjustments off what you’re doing. So, we had our eyes wide open as far as our offense goes for making those adjustments today. We weren’t thinking too hard about the last at bat. They were tuned into Amber [Freeman] – this is what we’re going to do, and then they got after it full send, which I think is the biggest thing. We committed and that felt really good to be able to get our swings off and really go after what we wanted to. She told them she didn’t care about swings and misses today, because we were going for it. I think that

when you're swinging and missing and going for it. It feels a lot differently than swinging defensively.”

On Jenae Berry...

“When Jenae is on, she can compete with anybody because she mixes speeds so well. She’s got three different speeds, and her hard stuff was legit today too, so she was able to keep people off balance. But I think when she pulls a string on her change up, it's hard to be able to hammer both speeds. She was just on one today, and I’m really proud of her.”

20 – Tele Jennings – Jr.

On staying ready in her at bats...

“I just had a long talk with Coach Kate and Amber [Freeman]. I just had to lock into my BP. I'm a DP [designated player], that's my only job to do. So, whatever I have to do to do it is the way to accomplish the goal, and I feel like I did today. My team was behind me and it was great vibes all around.”

On being able to keep an explosive Duke offense in check...

“Duke's a great team, so we had to come out and just shut them down throughout the first few innings and I feel like we did defensively. Tayler Biehl, Jenna [Sniffen], everyone was just so locked in and flipping that onto offense, everyone's hitting. We were locked in and although we did kind of stutter throughout those first few innings, we were learning from each other, gathering information and then it showed in the end.”

33 – Jenna Sniffen – So.

On her game-clinching hit and the double play in defense...

“We really just enjoy both sides of the ball. I was just helping my team whenever I can. You know, we love double plays on this team. We hunt double plays. Every time we get a run around, we're salivating for that double play, but it does feel good to perform on both sides of the balls and help my team out however I can.”

On setting the tone early on defense...

“I thought our pitchers did a good job setting the tone early on in the game. We pride ourselves in being where our feet are, focusing on every single pitch and every single play, play-by-play, pitch-by-pitch. So, I thought all around we did a good job collectively of sticking to who we are and being exactly where our feet are.”