

NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

May 28-June 3, 2009
ASA Hall of Fame Stadium
Oklahoma City, Okla.

POSTGAME NOTES

Game 5: Washington 1, Arizona State 0 (8 Innings)

- Washington's Morgan Stuart registered a walk-off single with two outs in the bottom of the eighth to score Kimi Pohlman. Pohlman, who went 3-for-4 in the game, reached by a double with one out earlier in the frame. It was Stuart's second hit in four appearances at the plate.
- Washington improved to 48-11 this season under fifth-year head coach Heather Tarr with the 1-0 win over the defending national champions. This is Tarr's second UW squad to advance to the WCWS (also in 2007).
- The Huskies improved to 8-2 this season in extra inning contests, while Arizona State fell to 1-2.
- UW improved to 23-0 when scoring first, 10-3 in games decided by one run and 6-1 when crossing the plate just once.
- Washington pitcher Danielle Lawrie (39-7) held ASU to just two hits in eight innings of work. It was the junior's 93rd win of her career, third most in program history. Tia Bollinger (2001-04) recorded 95 wins, while Jennifer Spediacci (1997-00) holds the all-time Washington wins record with 100. Hillary Bach (31-10) took the loss tonight for ASU.
- The game marked Washington's 21st shutout of the season. It was just the third time this season ASU was held scoreless.
- Before Arizona State's Taylor Haro singled in the eighth frame, UW pitcher Danielle Lawrie had retired 16 straight Sun Devils.
- Washington extended its overall series lead against ASU to 46-17 and improved to 3-1 against the Sun Devils this season.
- Washington's 48 wins this season marks the most under Tarr. UW also improved to 22-2 on neutral sites this year.
- The Sun Devils fell to 47-18 this season after Friday evening's loss. They are appearing in their eighth Women's College World Series in program history and their fourth consecutive.
- Competing in their ninth Women's College World Series, the Huskies improved to 10-4 this season versus teams in this WCWS field.
- UW also started 2-0 in its last appearance at the WCWS in 2007. The Huskies then dropped their next two contests to be eliminated.
- The extra inning contest was the first of this year's WCWS.
- With the victory, Washington advances to face the winner of game nine Sunday at noon CDT. Falling to the losers' bracket, Arizona State will face the winner of the Arizona/Alabama matchup Saturday at 8 p.m.

Game 5 Quotes

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ARIZONA STATE HEAD COACH CLINT MYERS

Opening comment:

"I thought Hillary Bach pitched a masterful game tonight. I think it was the best game of her 45 games. I feel bad that we were unable to get her any runs, but you didn't see a freshman pitch tonight, you saw a pitcher pitch tonight."

On freshman pitcher Hillary Bach:

"Her best pitching is still ahead of her. She is 19 years old. She was just a freshman coming in but a pitcher sits before you tonight. She was a thrower before she came and now she sits before you a pitcher."

ARIZONA STATE FRESHMAN PITCHER HILLARY BACH

On if this was her best game:

"I think it was a really good battle on both sides and I felt really good about it. It was fun, but the outcome wasn't. I thought it was a good game and I left it all on the field."

On potentially playing Pac-10 foe Arizona Saturday:

"When we play Pac-10 softball, every game is going to be competitive. Just like tonight, we know what they have and they know what we have. It will just be us playing our best game and putting it all on the line."

ARIZONA STATE JUNIOR SECOND BASEMAN ASHLEY MUENZ

On Washington pitcher Danielle Lawrie:

"She hit her spots tonight very well. In the past, we did hit her very well and tonight our sticks weren't there. That's what we were struggling with tonight. We get a chance to face her again we know what we have to do and we'll be there."

On throwing out Jenn Salling at the plate to end Washington's fourth inning:

"That play is actually pretty routine for us, we practice it every day. (Kaitlin) Cochran had a great throw to me and I was where I needed to be. I'm glad (Kaylyn) Castillo has some jumps under her belt. I threw it a little high but she got up and got it. I think we came together as a team there."

ARIZONA STATE SOPHOMORE CATCHER KAYLYN CASTILLO

On Washington pitcher Danielle Lawrie:

"I think it was us putting pressure on ourselves. We weren't really trusting the bats as we have done before. It's a big stage and that's a big deal but I think instead of looking for that big hit to get us going people wanted to help put us on the board in one swing. We just have to concentrate as a team, work together, rely on each other and trust each other."

On the play at the plate in the fourth inning:

"I was just thinking, 'Ash (Ashley Muenz), launch it.' I saw her coming around third and I knew we had her if there was a throw. She did exactly what she had to do to get it to me and I was in the right spot to tag her."

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WASHINGTON HEAD COACH HEATHER TARR

Opening comment:

"I thought it was a pretty well played game. I thought that Danielle (Lawrie) came back from yesterday and had her 'A' game. She was executing the pitches she needed to throw. I thought that she threw well into the strike zone today. It was only a matter of time when we finally executed and got a run in. I was just hoping that it didn't go 15 innings."

On Arizona State pitcher Hillary Bach:

"I think that she has gotten better. I think that she does a good job hitting spots. She doesn't miss much over the middle of the plate and any time a pitcher can do that they are going to have some success. I think that she is a great pitcher and it is neat to see her as a freshman do what she has been able to do."

On having a day off:

"We have been here before and I think that we have learned some things about how we ran our day off. We are going to do some different things and we are going to stay in motion and get some swings in and run around a little bit. We are going to keep everybody loose and relax and ready to play our game."

WASHINGTON JUNIOR PITCHER DANIELLE LAWRIE

On tonight's game:

"I think what I changed was how I performed mentally (compared to) yesterday. Yesterday was a 'B-minus' game and when you are at the World Series that is not acceptable. We only get one opportunity to be here and show what we are made of. So me, being one who wants to help this team, can't have performances like that. So, soak it in for tonight and then tomorrow get after the next opponent."

WASHINGTON FRESHMAN OUTFIELDER KIMI POHLMAN

On scoring the game's only run on Morgan Stuart's two-out, eighth-inning single:

"Being at the top of the order is always really nice for us. We work the ball really well together. A leadoff double is always nice, I guess. Dani (Lawrie) moved me nicely and Morgan (Stuart) placed it perfectly so I could walk home. We were just all working together."

WASHINGTON SOPHOMORE THIRD BASEMAN MORGAN STUART

On her game-winning hit:

"Our team is tested for this kind of stuff. We perform well with each other when everyone knows that we have each other's back. When I saw Dani (Lawrie) move (Kimi Pohlman) over I just knew that it was going to happen."