



Arizona State Quotes

#1 ASU 15, #3 Oklahoma 3

Arizona State Head Coach Pat Murphy

On the game:

“We don’t have that experienced of a team. We have a lot of guys doing it for the first time. I think were some jitters last night but I don’t think we played that poorly. I think Stony Brook deserves the credit. I think today we put ourselves in a good position. [Mike] Leake has a big reputation now. All of a sudden it goes from pretty good fast ball to now he has a turbo sinker. They start hearing the legend of Leake. This guy has done some amazing stuff at Arizona State. Some amazing stuff in his first two years. That is what we needed today. We needed to stay out of the bull pen and we needed to get a great outing. I was thinking about it, if Oklahoma wasn’t such a feisty team that could hit, I thought about maybe getting Leake out of there and having him. But then you can’t do that to a kid. You can’t do that to your team. Play see-saw, you know? He was great tonight.”

On Mike Jones:

“I like him. I like the kid. He has got a magic about him. He kind of finds a way to make things happen. He always has a smile on his face and never looks down on himself. He is just learning this game of baseball. He has only had about 85 at bats in his whole life, since he was in high school. He doesn’t play in the summer and he takes it like a hobby. This is tougher than that. He is never going to put up great numbers but he does have the ability to make something happen. He has never once hit the ball over the right field fence in the three years I have seen him. Good for Mike. He is all about the flash. How many guys are a big time football player and sit on the bench at a baseball game and act like a team mate? How many guys do that? Not many. We give him a hard time. I don’t let him get too cocky. That is a testament to the type of character he has. He gets put in the game today and runs the ball down and then has a big hit.”

Center Fielder Mike Jones

On the home run:

“I think it is because school is over. I have nothing to worry about. I can just go out there and have fun. I pretty much have nothing to lose. I know I’m not much of a role player. I know I don’t get many opportunities at bat. When I do get opportunities, I get to relax and have fun with it.”

“I don’t know what happened. I just reacted. I thought the ball was away so I just swung down and the ball took off. I was like, ‘Oh my god!’ That’s actually the first time I’ve hit an opposite field homerun in my life.”

On the season:

“We’re still very successful and we keep winning. Every time I get my opportunity I try to take advantage of it. I haven’t got settled in as much as I want to but I’ve almost accepted it.”