

2013 NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

May 30 - June 5

ASA Hall of Fame Stadium

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Game 8 Quotes

Michigan 2, Arizona State 0

MICHIGAN HEAD COACH CAROL HUTCHINS

On keeping the team mentally focused late in the game:

"I didn't have to keep them mentally focused. They were excited and they wanted to play. We were in such a great place. When they spend all that time together, it just makes them loose."

On the trip so far:

"It's been a crazy trip. It seems like nothing has been going particularly smoothly, but winning the game is the only thing we care about."

On Arizona State's offense:

"They're very dangerous. Sara (Driesenga) pitched a great game. They're a very tough team, as we all know, and it took our best effort to beat them."

On Sierra Romero's home run:

"That's Sierra's game. I've been trying to convince all of them to get their barrels through the zone. We swung tight. We didn't have very good pitch selection the whole game. But Romero is Romero. She wins a lot of games for us and she played outstanding."

On if it's Sara Driesenga's best game of her career:

"At this point in the season, surviving is the only thing that matters. You only have to have more than them. Holding them to zero is pretty huge."

On the team playing sharp under the circumstances:

"You have to realize that these are college kids. These are their normal hours. The coaches, not so much. But these are college kids and they thrive at night."

On the key coming back fresh for Sunday:

"We're going to do the best we can to be fresh. We're going to put Sara (Driesenga) on ice and send them home straight to bed. It is what it is. It's our job to get ready for it. They'll be ready."

ARIZONA STATE HEAD COACH CLINT MYERS

On waiting for the 15-inning game to end prior to theirs:

"Who would envision that you would have a 15-inning game before you play? We warmed up and we watched a double-header."

On how his team stayed loose during the wait:

"Well in the 14th inning we started getting in the cage. We knew that it had to end soon and we knew we were in a time crunch. If the game didn't end before 11:36 p.m. then we knew we couldn't play because the NCAA has a rule that you can't start a game after midnight."

On if the game was just a matter of missed opportunities:

"No excuses, we just didn't get the job done. We know the secret for winning ball games: good pitching, good defense and timely hitting. We got good pitching, had good defense -- we didn't get an error. It was the timely hitting. We had people in position and we just couldn't get it done.

That's what wins you ball games."