



**2010 STATE FARM MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE
BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
MAY 25-29 • ECK STADIUM • WICHITA, KAN.**

WICHITA STATE VS. MISSOURI STATE - QUOTES

Wichita State Head Coach Gene Stephenson opening statement:

"I thought Missouri State was a very tough opponent tonight. I thought that (Missouri State pitcher Mike) Kickham had a high-quality arm on the mound and was really difficult to handle. I think we were fortunate enough to rattle him a little bit and were able to score some runs in the fifth inning and then got the big two-run homer in the sixth. Jordan Cooper was outstanding. I don't think he felt like he had his best stuff or the kind of stuff he had against them the last time, but this guy can pitch. He's a bulldog and a great competitor and a great student-athlete, as well."

Sophomore pitcher Jordan Cooper on his performance:

"I left a lot of pitches over the middle of the plate, but I also have to credit the Missouri State hitters. They did a good job of taking advantage of that. They kind of changed their approach from the last time we faced them, they cut down their swings with two strikes a little bit and when I made a mistake they took advantage of it. You've got to give them credit tonight."

Senior second baseman Will Baez on getting to Missouri State's Mike Kickham:

"He was kind of mixing it up with his change up and his fastball for the first couple innings, and it had us all messed up in the head and we couldn't figure it out. Then in the fourth, he started to leave things up and we started to take advantage of that - especially (Bret) Bascue and (Johnny) Coy."

Senior Bret Bascue on the Shockers' heads-up base running:

"We've always been taught the best time to steal third is after something big happens. There were passed balls and people scoring, but when something big happens to make them lose focus for just a second then we're going to take advantage of that."

Missouri State was under deadline and not available for postgame comments

