



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

**MISSOURI STATE VS. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS - QUOTES**

**Missouri State Head Coach Keith Guttin on the Bears' win:**

"It was a survival game. We found a way and strung some things together there. We tried to be really patient with (SIU starter Jimmy) Cornell. We just faced him on Saturday and he'll make you chase so I thought we did a decent job there. Obviously hit well with men on base, which has been a problem for us and we had to bring in our closer (Grant Gordon) pretty early, but again it was survival. He's been outstanding all year."

**Missouri State third baseman Curt Courtwright on the 11-run inning:**

"I was preaching base hits, don't try to do too much and get guys on base. We started stringing it together and getting guys on base then Keenen Maddox stepped up big time and hit that grand slam. I knew that once he did that then we had a chance to do it. It just shows that every hit counts."

**Missouri State outfielder Keenen Maddox on his grand slam:**

"He threw me a slider and messed up. He made a mistake and left it up. I knew what I had to do with it."

**Southern Illinois Head Coach Dan Callahan on the game:**

"I think our season ended basically how it started with us having problems in the bullpen. We had a stretch in the middle of the year where we thought we had kind of solidified things with our set-up guy, but lately we've had problems piecing it together between our starters and Lee Weld. Grant Gordon did enough to keep us off-balance. We tried to piece together the sixth inning with four different pitchers and couldn't get it done. Then it turned out that the sixth inning was our downfall."

**Southern Illinois pitcher Ryan Bradley on the sixth inning:**

"I wasn't sharp at all throughout the whole inning, and then it just spiraled out of control and I couldn't stop it. I had a lot of command trouble with my fastball."

