

2007 MVC Baseball Championship

Game 10 Quotes - No. 1 Wichita State vs. No. 2 Creighton

Wichita State coach Gene Stephenson

"I felt like that both starting pitchers were really sharp and did a lot of good things. We were able to get that first run on great base running pickup by (Derek) Schermerhorn. He saw the guy drop the ball after he picked it up and carried through and that was obviously a big run for us. Weber's home run was huge and our pitching was tremendous...and our guys played really good defense."

(on Aaron Schafer's outing)

"Utopia for us would have been five innings, 65 pitches or less, and I think we got Utopia. He was very good, very sharp and got them to hit his pitches and did a very good job with it. He got out of it with 56 pitches, so I guess that's better than Utopia. But weren't going any further with that. That was perfect for us."

Wichita State starting pitcher Aaron Schafer

(on his first outing after missing four weeks due to an injury)

"It was great to get back out there and contribute again and take up a chunk of the game. It was good to get out there and do that again....To be honest, I was just spotting my fastball and not trying to overpower because I knew it wouldn't do any good. These guys are a good fastball-hitting team, a good hitting team period and you try to do too much with them and they're going to hurt you....The curve ball was good late and I was throwing the changeup over the plate early in the count, so that helps."

"We have an expectation here of ourselves and as a staff. We don't ever expect to make an excuse like, 'oh, I haven't done this for four weeks, it's OK to go out there and not be good'." I expected to come out and be sharp and thank God I was. It was a big game for us and I couldn't really afford to go out there and not be."

Creighton coach Ed Servais

"No doubt both teams are trying very hard, maybe too hard. We're not very comfortable or relaxed. For some of our players this is a new experience and I think it showed a little bit today at the plate....You could (they were tight) by the some of the swings they took....No doubt this team wants to do something special and they had it right there. We had it right there last Saturday and we couldn't finish it. We had it here in this game and now the only difference is we have this game tonight. We need some seniors to step up. Our underclassmen played a whale of a game. Our upperclassmen have to step up, it's their team. They have to do the job."

Creighton starting pitcher Marc Lewis

"Especially as the game wore on and we scored more runs, that was the focus so we didn't have to burn up the bullpen. I thought I threw alright. I had my curveball working and the other two pitches, were alright, but weren't working that well."