

2007 MVC Baseball Championship

Game 11 Quotes - No. 1 Wichita State vs. No. 2 Creighton

Creighton coach Ed Servais

"It brought a tear to my eye to see what they did, especially how they did it to come back when it really didn't look very good when we were down 9-6. It really shows a lot what these kids have done all year. They just never cease to amaze me. We've been in games where I thought we were out of it and they find a way, so it's special for our kids and special for our program and going to get our program really moving in the right direction."

"It's our biggest win, no doubt it. We played kind of tentative this afternoon and I was concerned about that. We met as a team back at the hotel and I said, 'Fellas, that's not how we got 43 wins. You got 43 wins by being aggressive and going after people. Wichita State's going to come after you and we have to respond to that.' For the most part our kids did. We played a much better game from start to finish than we did this afternoon."

(on Pat Venditte's performance)

"I'm not smart enough to come up with words to describe this kid. He pitched on fumes. He's out there for six-plus innings today....Pat Venditte is what every college player should look to. He's an overachiever, an unbelievably hard worker. And I'm not proud of it, but this kid's not even doing this under scholarship. He's doing all this as a walk-on."

Creighton starting pitcher and tournament MVP Pat Venditte

"I wanted to get the ball into the late innings to the bullpen, we have Scott (Reese) and Andy (Masten), and give us a chance to win it in the later innings. That didn't happen with the runs they scored late, but the way we persevered just says a lot about our team."

"It's a great feeling right now. This was our goal from the start of the year. Our guys really pulled together this week. Even after that loss this afternoon, we stuck together and knew we could get it done."

Wichita State coach Gene Stephenson

"I was very proud of the way we played. We're down 6-1...we really squandered some opportunities. Not that we weren't trying well, obviously we were. (Creighton starting pitcher Pat) Venditte was doing a pretty good job and we had trouble, gave up a three-run homer. We got ourselves behind 6-1 and we battled back and really did a whale of a job both innings, to get back tied and then to go ahead three."

"We were a little short on pitching and had used too many and got ourselves in a position where we had trouble out there, but our defense was a little shaky."

"We didn't make the plays we needed to make. We had a three-run lead and two outs and had the opportunity to make the plays and didn't do it. They hit some balls well. I don't think (WSU relief pitcher) Noah (Krol) was very sharp and they battled hard and they did some great things. We probably had him throw too many pitches today with the first game too. It was two great teams battling hard and I thought we had it. It just wasn't to be tonight."