

2007 MVC Baseball Championship

Game 7 Quotes - No. 3 Bradley vs. No. 6 Missouri State

Bradley coach Dewey Kalmer

"I think Brad Altbach showed why he was the freshman of the year....He really gave us a lift we needed. We needed somebody to go out there today and give us a lot of innings. We still feel we can win the tournament."

"After losing a tough game last night, to come back and play really well in a noon game when it's hot against the home club. I think shows a lot of toughness, mental and emotional, and that's what our team's been about all year. That's how we've gotten it done and we talked about that. Great senior leadership and I'm really proud of them."

"We had a great performance, everybody chipped in. We played very hungry, very aggressive from the get-go....I'm really proud of the way we came out and fought hard after difficult defeat last night."

Bradley starting and winning pitcher Brad Altbach

"I found out right before the game that I was starting and I had great defense behind me....I was mixing my pitches pretty well."

Bradley third baseman Paul Rice, who hit two home runs

"I got couple fastballs to hit and missed the third one in my third at-bat. That was probably the best pitch I saw all day and fouled it back. This is our last couple of games of the year and (Ryan) Curry and I are trying to get the guys on our backs and take them to the championship."

Missouri State coach Keith Guttin

"With both teams coming off losses, the first few innings were going to be very important and Altbach was good, very good, and every time we made a mistake on the mound they hit it out."

Missouri State catcher Kyle Paul on facing Altbach in the game

"He was using both sides of the plate real well with his fastball. He sits between 88 and 92 (miles per hour) on our scouting report, so he's good velocity and then he uses his slider and his changeup at the right times and keeps it low in the zone, which is always tough to hit."