

2007 MVC Baseball Championship

Game 8 Quotes - No. 1 Wichita state vs. No. 4 Evansville

Wichita State Head Coach Gene Stephenson

"It was a real tough job today. Evansville is a tough team and we knew that. Kai Tuomi is a tough player, we knew that after seeing him in Wichita. I think finally we were able to scrape enough runs. I just want to say we had some great at bats at critical times. Andy Dirks had several of them and Matt Brown made some great catches. Anthony Capra was lights out again."

On getting win 1600

"It is a lot of baseball. It is special I suppose, but we have to play all the games one day at a time. I've been around a long time, it doesn't seem that long. It is a great milestone I suppose, but our biggest concern is to win to get to the finals of the tournament and hopefully win. Our job is two-fold tomorrow. We have to win both games. I am thankful we won today, it was a hard game until that seventh. But we kept battling, Capra played hard and our defense was tremendous."

Andy Dirks, Wichita State

"I am feeling pretty confident. I swung at some bad pitches early in the game and I had to tell myself to just step up."

Matt Brown, Wichita state

"It feels good to be here but we still have a ways to go. We are going to have quality opponents that we are going to have to beat. We just got to go out, play hard and play our game."

Evansville Head Coach David Seifert

"We hung with them for seven innings. But lost the game in the top of the eighth. We couldn't get them out. Pretty disappointing end for our 13 seniors."

"The program has won 35-plus games for three year's in a row for the first time in the program's history and that is mainly because of 12 of the 13 seniors are responsible for that. To end their college career in a day like this is devastating. Capra took it to us again, and we didn't make the adjustments necessary. Capra wouldn't let us."

Jim Viscomi, Evansville - on his center field run into

"I asked my coach what I did. All I remember is hitting the wall. Most guys said I had it in my glove but when I hit the wall, the ball popped up. I really don't remember what happened at all."