

Game 11 Championship Game Evansville v. Missouri State

MISSOURI STATE

Coach Guttin

On Game: Evansville played better, and for eighteen innings they deserved it. We had a few opportunities and we didn't execute. Therefore, when you don't execute, you are going to get beat in a close ballgame. Our offense is what hurt us, our lack of ability to produce runs.

Tim Rafferty

On At-Large: The way we played toward the end of the season, I think we are just as deserving as anybody. But we had some things happen during the middle and beginning of the season that might keep that from happening.

Chris Krawczyk

On Homerun: (Kasey Wahl) is on fire right now, I threw him every pitch I had and he did something with it. Unfortunately he put a good swing on the ball and got it up there where the wind might have helped it.

EVANSVILLE

Coach Dave Schrage

On Win: It wasn't the easiest way to win the tournament. To win two on Saturday is really tough to do. We came all the way back through the loser's bracket to win it. This team keeps responding time and time again, and rises up to the occasion when they have to have a must win. It's an exciting way to win it.

On Brinkmann: He has a rubber arm and has pitched a lot. We knew we might have to use him tonight. Our initial plan was to only use him for an inning. When his velocity was there, he didn't look like he was losing anything from this afternoon, we rode him out the rest of the game.

Matt Brinkmann

On Pitching: I felt a lot better the second time, I don't know if it was from warming up for two hours or the adrenaline running through me from being in the championship game. It felt good out there the second time.

Kasey Wahl

On Homerun: I have just been seeing the ball real well, especially this last week. I was seeing the ball out of his hand and picking up the spin early. I think he made a couple of mistakes and left some pitches up that he shouldn't have. I just got that ball up into the wind, which has been working for everybody all week.