

Evansville v. Bradley Quotes

BRADLEY Coach Dewey Kalmer

On Win: It was a good win for us. Evansville was the hottest team coming in the league, had won 18 of 20 coming in. They had just swept us three at Evansville. Big win for us, plus we haven't won a game here in Wichita for 24 games. We just haven't been able to pull out a win.

On Magee: Definitely was not himself today, he was effected by the heat as was Evansville's pitcher Rogers. Brandon was feeling the heat in the third inning so we were concerned even with a six run league. On a normal day I would have been much more relaxed. I didn't know how far he could go. He struggled from the third through the seventh but he really gutted it out. He threw about 119 pitches and I didn't think he would get that far.

On the heat: The heat affected both pitchers, neither were their normal selves. This may give the Shockers an edge. The three o'clock games are going to be murder; I just don't see anyone going all the way. The heat is going to have an effect on the tournament without a doubt.

On the 3rd Inning: We are a singles hitting team, and that is how we play. We have to put singles back to back. Once we get a lead we have to hold it because we aren't a team with any of power and we don't have a banger in the middle of the lineup. It is scratch and claw for everything we've got. Being on Astroturf is helpful getting a lot of balls through that normally don't. You can score a lot more here without a doubt. The heat bothered Rogers; he wasn't throwing as well as he did in Evansville.

On the League: I don't really see any game that would be an upset. This is probably the most parity I have seen in a long time.

Brandon Magee:

On how he felt: I was warming up today and I didn't feel very well. I don't know if I ate something bad this morning, but was definitely battling the whole game and I felt weak. I attributed part of it to the heat obviously, if it wouldn't have been such a warm day today it would have been easier. There were a couple of innings where I just had to get through seven innings and we would have a good chance to win the game.

On upset: I don't consider the game an upset because the league is so evenly matched if you pitch and field well you may only need three or four runs to win a game.

Jason Newburger:

On hair color: We started the conference season 9-3 and leading the league by 2 1/2 games going into the 5th week of the conference play. We started struggling with the bats and when we hit we didn't pitch. Wanted to do something to create a little team unity, and got the guys loose and relaxed. We really don't care how we look, don't care how people view us, we haven't gotten respect in the league for some time. I don't know if you can attribute a win to hair color but I guess it helped.

On 3rd inning: Lequia's double was huge, it got us going and took a little bit of the pressure off. We just tried to string five or six singles together.

EVANSVILLE Coach Dave Schrage:

Key to Game: I thought the key to the game was the first inning, when we had first and third and we hit into a double play. We were trying to keep the momentum on our side after beating them three in a row. I think we could have jumped on them but instead they jumped on us in the third inning.

On Playing Bradley: I didn't like this matchup, but the alternative was not winning the league and matching up with someone else. We knew we had our work cut out for us. When we won the conference title and celebrated they stood there and watched it, so it was fresh in their mind and they were going to come out extra competitive. To their credit they played a really good ball game. It is tough to beat a team four times in a row.

Pat Tumilty:

On loss: It doesn't stop the momentum at all, our backs have been against the wall all season long and for us to get put into this situation it is going to be tough but I feel confident in our team that we are going to bounce back tomorrow and get a win.