

Game Three - Wichita State v. Creighton

CREIGHTON

Coach Ed Servais

On Game: Pleased with how we came out of the gate, I liked our approach and our aggressiveness. We had a better idea today of what Shafer's plan was and I give our hitters a lot of credit. That is about as good as we can do offensively. Any time we can post eleven in a ball game it is a huge plus.

On Win: We have been in this situation before and sometimes we don't handle it very well. I was happy with how we handled ourselves the last couple innings. Our guys knew that it was just one and we need to get three more for any hope of continuing our season.

Chase Odenreider

On Homerun & Crowd: We knew Capra threw a lot of fastballs so I was setting dead red. The first inning was huge; it took the crowd out of the game and gave us a lot of momentum.

Andrew Small

On Lead: The first inning was big and we knew we had to keep pressure on them. To keep coming back after they scored and trying to chip away at the lead but we kept putting more pressure on them and scoring more in the later innings. A lot of times we come out in the early innings and then we will just sit back and not be aggressive. This time we kept firing at them and it payed off in the end.

WICHITA STATE

Coach Gene Stephenson

On Game: Our base running was atrocious. I am very frustrated about it. We had a number of opportunities to do a better job. We could not keep Creighton under control because we didn't throw enough strikes. I am disappointed overall because I think it was terrible performance by our team and a very good one by Creighton. It was a bad pitching performance overall, not just by one guy.

On Key Play: We gave a changeup to a guy coming off the bench for them with two strikes on him and put it in a good position for him to hit and he gets a double. To me that was the difference right there. We could have had the game under control and perhaps kept it at five runs overall there in the third inning.

Brian Spear

On Mindset: We got some momentum after sweeping USC and came in here and made some mistakes. I think the game could have easily gone the other way. We out-hit them and we didn't capitalize when we got the opportunities. We left the bases loaded a couple times early on in the game and they didn't. Whenever they had runners on the bases they came up with a big hit.

Aaron Shafer

On his performance: The bottom line is I didn't come out here and get my job done. It is hard to get into an eight run hole and then try to come back the rest of the game. It kills the momentum when you have a pitcher out there hitting people and giving up singles.

Matt Brown

On Pat Venditte: He came out and threw strikes tonight. He kept his slider down low and got people chasing it.