

2007 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Tournament
Evansville 58, Northern Iowa 57
Quarterfinal Round
Friday, March 9, 2007
Knapp Center, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

Northern Iowa head coach Tony DiCecco

"I've got to be extremely careful. You know exactly what I want to say."

"I give Evansville a tremendous amount of credit for erasing a 12-point lead. That's as good of basketball as we've played in a long, long time. That first 20 minutes, all the cylinders were on."

"At the end, I really, honestly don't know who had control of the game. At the last 2.1 to 1.9 (seconds). In that stretch of time, it seemed like there was nobody in any type of a uniform that had any control of the game."

(on his thoughts on UNI's chances in this tournament before the game)

"You always feel you could take care of business. I still feel we can play with anybody, but there are times the scoreboard doesn't allow that to happen, or the factors that control the scoreboard don't allow that to happen."

(on Rebekah Parker)

"She's probably one of the most versatile players in the league when it come to doing the little things in our sport. She's very, very good. Sometimes kids just understand what they need to do and they do it."

(on this loss)

This one will stay with me for an extremely long time. And it was more so because of how it ended. It was a little disappointing that we were not able to take care the things that we needed to take care of to make that happen."

(on his future)

"I will now take a look at some things. I will do what's most best for the University of Northern Iowa women's basketball program. In the same breath, I will also do what's best for me. Do I love the game? I have a tremendous passion for the game, for women's basketball. I know I'll make a good choice. I hope I have a lot of years left in me."

Junior forward Megan Keefe

"We're up 15 at some point in time. It's all about possessions and it doesn't come down one play at the end. If we would have covered it up earlier in the game, it wouldn't have been a problem."

Senior guard Jessie Biggs

(on the difference of Evansville's shooting in first and second halves)

"The biggest thing was, they caught the ball in different spots. First half, they caught it outside the 3-point line, second half it was on the block or in the paint."

"They came out and knew they needed to be more aggressive and they did that."

Evansville head coach Tricia Cullop

“We’re very fortunate to pull out that game. I thought Northern Iowa had a great game plan and really took away a lot of things that we really like to do.”

(on first half)

“I think one thing that was frustrating was -- not only were we not playing good defense, but we were missing some open shots that were rimming out.”

“I didn’t think at all we were involving our post players in the first half. And I thought they got a little frustrated because they were getting scored on and not getting a chance to take it right back at them.”

(on Rebekah Parker)

“When things were getting kind of ugly, you could just see it in her eyes that we were going to come back.”

“When she’s in a zone, we’re going to get her the ball. I trust her in pressure situations.”

Junior center/forward Laura Gaybrick

“I think a lot of the things that happened in the first half were that they were having us do things we were uncomfortable doing. We just needed to get back to what we were comfortable doing.”

Junior guard/forward Rebekah Parker

“I felt contact. I think it was a good call.”