



Missouri Valley Conference
Women's Basketball Tournament
The Family Arena – St. Charles, Mo.
Game 2 – Thursday, March 14, 2013

No. 10 Southern Illinois 83, No. 7 Evansville 74

Southern Illinois Quotes

Head Coach Adrienne Harlow

Opening Statement:

“I am just really proud of the team’s effort from the beginning. I thought we came out like we said we were going to do, which was be totally aggressive and lay it all out on the court. I thought Cartaesha started us off really well there with a few layups then Jordyn made a layup and that pretty much dictated the rest of the game. They made some runs at us, but we still kept our composure. Even when we were up by 13 and they took the lead, I told them we weren’t going to lose this game, they listened and they finished.”

On coming out on top in close games:

“I think those pivotal moments, we pretty much got every one of them and it comes down to making big plays and big shots, and that’s what mature players do and it really just comes down to them and when it was time to make a shot, we made some key threes, got some key steals, and defensive stops, and it takes all of that, and rebounds as well. I was a little bit nervous when that girl got away with the shot with 1.1 left, but she missed it, so we were good to go after that.”

Cartaesha Macklin

On getting the win:

“I personally feel like it was a build up from my teammates doing what they needed to do. Jordyn coming through with the big three, and I just feel like we fed off each other. And I took the shot I was feeling completely confident, we had to be. We were trying to win a basketball game, and that’s what I had to do.”

On the team’s game plan:

“Coach did a great job of prepping us for the game. The game plan was set, and we went out and executed. And when it came to overtime we did what we needed to do and got a good result.”

Jordyn Courier

What the win meant:

“It means so much to us. I mean we have worked hard all season with all the ups and downs that we’ve had. We needed this and our team was not about to let up tonight, and I am so proud of all of them because not one person gave up on anybody and it was a team effort tonight.”

Thoughts on Creighton:

“We’re going to enjoy this win a little more, and then we are going to get down, ready, and focused. And we are going to get a game plan for them. And we’re going to come at it. We had a great time tonight, but I feel like we can bring it a lot more.”

Evansville Quotes

Head Coach Otis Epps

On getting back into the game:

“Something that we have always talked about is not having any regrets. We were only able to get back into this game because of their effort, because of their fight, and their unity. Their emotion and passion was evident in everything that they did out there.”

On key to the game:

“[Cartaesha] Macklin, when she got that ball in open court, she was dynamite. We just could not contain her penetration. We knew coming into the game that our transition defense was going to be the key. We just did not get it done tonight.”

Mallory Ladd

On losing the lead late in the game:

“We should have had some rebounds that should have been ours. They kind of rebounded better than we did the whole game. But I think we kind of let our guard down not thinking that Macklin could shoot the three, and she did. She came off the high screen and shot it. Rebounding was key in this game and we didn’t succeed in that area.”

Samantha Heck

Perspective on the loss and the team’s performance:

“It’s the tournament, it’s time to show up and it’s towards the end of my career and I just came out and decided that I am never coming back so I just laid it on the line like coach said. That’s what each one of us needed to do is just lay it out on the line with no regrets.”