



Missouri Valley Conference  
Women's Basketball Tournament  
The Family Arena – St. Charles, Mo.  
Game 7 – Saturday, March 16, 2013

No. 1 Wichita State 75, No. 4 Northern Iowa 71 (OT)

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## Wichita State Quotes

Head Coach Jody Adams

**On coming out on top in a close game:**

“First of all, I have to give credit to UNI—what a game. A lot of fight there, two great teams out there on the floor. One that has been in this situation all the time and a team and program that is trying to start a tradition of being in these situations and being able to come out on top. It has taken us a long time to get to where we are. It hasn't been just this season, it's been about these players growing up in our program and our environment.”

**On Jessica Diamond:**

“I had a flashback to when Jessie was a sophomore, in the Arizona overtime. Her demeanor in coming into this huddle and this one—two different kids. Today is a stronger kid, a stronger leader. She wasn't going to give in. When you have young kids that have grown up in your program and they've changed, they change the culture and they've changed our underclassmen”

**On getting back to the finals:**

“I think it means everything. Came here five years ago and it's what you're brought in to do as a coach and that's why I've never thought anything differently but to turn this program into where it had winning tradition and tradition of being in that final game.”

Alex Harden

**On Jacqui Kalin's game-tying three:**

“Big players make big shots. We knew if we had five more minutes at them, we had the fuel power, we had the mindset 'we need to get to this championship game,' and that's what we did.”

Jessica Diamond

**On being prepared for the overtime period:**

“We got in the huddle; we knew we weren't going to take a loss. We had it in our minds that we weren't going to take a loss, and that's exactly what we talked about in the huddles. We just went out and we played our game, still focused on defense and that's basically it, defense and getting run-outs. We locked down Jacqui Kalin in the overtime, and we got out at their shooters.”

# Northern Iowa Quotes

Head Coach Tanya Warren

**On Jacqui Kalin:**

“Jacqui Kalin defines character. She’s everything you want your program to continue to be. She is what excellence is.”

**On the shift in momentum in the second half:**

“In the first two minutes of the second half, we get two defensive stops, they’d come up with two offensive rebounds and score on those. Then there was a loose ball that went between two of us, and they came up with it. The momentum changed in the first two minutes of the second half.”

**On Wichita State:**

“They stuck big shots. [Alex] Harden is phenomenal. She’s outstanding. She’s got great size. She puts the ball on the floor well. She’s good. You’ve got to give her credit, and her teammates stepped up and hit big shots. They won the league for a reason, and their experience paid huge dividends today.”

Jacqui Kalin

**On the mood of the team going into overtime:**

“Anytime a team makes the tying shot to head into overtime, you steal some of that momentum. We were locked in and excited, obviously, to take it to overtime. They made big plays down the stretch. You’ve got to give them credit. They made a lot of tough, big shots in overtime.”

**On playing in final MVC tournament:**

“As a basketball player, when it’s March you want to do anything to be in the championship and win championships. I’m proud of our girls. I’m proud of the way we fought. Give Wichita credit. It’s tough, but it’s something you’ve got to live with when you’re a basketball player.”

**On her career:**

“One day I will look back and appreciate our program and where it’s come. We’ve got to stay positive because hopefully, we’ll have a postseason opportunity somewhere. Right now it’s still about this season.”

Amber Kirschbaum

**On the game’s physicality:**

“It was very physical, but we came in ready. We knew that they were going to be physical. We knew it was going to be a physical game, it’s been a physical tournament. We were prepared for that.”