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Head Coach Matt Senk

On his team's "never-say-die" mentality:

"One of the things that makes us such a strong offensive team is our credo is - don't strike out and hit balls hard. [Schumacher] is a tremendous talent, that whole Missouri State team, their pitching staff, you can see why they had the best ERA in the country. For us to do what we did against that young man requires sticking to the plan, and he had his share of strikeouts. We had some long at-bats against him, we got his pitch count up, and we really did a terrific job of that. Our guys believe in each other and believe in the plan and they executed that."

On the team's potential going forward:

"This is not easy. This is going to be a huge challenge. We knew the whole regional would be a challenge. Obviously, from our own conference tournament being double-elimination, we know how important that second game is. It requires discipline and mental toughness, and that is one pitch, one inning and one at-bat at a time."

RHP Frankie Vanderka

On mindset entering in the second:

"I'm used to closing. They told me I was first out of the pen. I thought Evan [Stecko-Haley] was going to come out and do his thing. He battled; I came in the second. I wanted to spot up and throw strikes and leave it to the defense. Three strikeouts, and the defense played great behind me. Nothing to complain about today."

On watching his team come back:

"It was great to watch. I figured I would still come out there and do what I was doing the whole game. Once again, leave it up to the defense. They played great behind me all year, so why change anything now?"