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THE BASKETBALL TEAM FROM MISSISSIPPI STATE IS HOME AGAIN. THEY LOST TO THE NATION'S NUMBER TWO TEAM...LOYOLA OF CHICAGO. THEY WON OVER BOWLING GREEN. THIS CONTROVERSIAL TRIP TO THE N-C-A-A PLAYOFFS NOW MAKES THEM FAIR GAME FOR ALL WHO HAD ~~NOT~~ MISGIVINGS ABOUT STATE PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT. THESE VOICES ARE WELL KNOWN. YOU'RE HEARING THEM SAY..."IF YOU'D ASK ~~ME~~ ME, I COULD HAVE TOLD YOU WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. SERVES THOSE BOYS RIGHT."

NO...IT DOES NOT SERVE THESE BOYS RIGHT. THEY REPRESENTED NOT ONLY THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE, BUT MISSISSIPPI AS WELL. AND THEY DID IT WITH INTEGRITY AND WITH HONOR. IF THEY HAD WON THE REGIONALS, CREDIT WOULD HAVE GONE TO MISSISSIPPI. OUR TEAM MET AND DEFEATED THE BEST THE SOUTH HAS TO OFFER, EARNING UNDISPUTED RIGHT TO COMPETE. PLAYING AS THEY DID, WITH HONOR AND WITH DIGNITY...AND RETURNING NOT A WINNER...WAS FAR BETTER THAN CAUSING THEM TO SNEAK OUT TO PARTICIPATE...REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME. THE FACT THAT VOICES OF MODERATION JOINED IN APPROVAL INDEED SHOWS PROGRESS.

THE PHRASE, "MY COUNTRY, RIGHT OR WRONG," CAN WELL BE CHANGED TO "OUR TEAM, WIN OR LOSE."

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