

2011 State Farm MVC Tournament – Game Notes

Game 2 ... Opening Round ... 8:35 p.m., Thursday, March 3 ... St. Louis, Mo. (Scottrade Center)

#7 Drake (48) vs. #10 Bradley (63)

Bradley: The Braves won their second straight – both against Drake – to go to 12-19 for the year and are in the quarterfinals for the fifth straight year. BU is 29-29 in MVC tourney, 79-53 all-time vs. Drake, 5-3 vs. Drake in MVC tourney and 2-1 vs. Drake this season. Coach Jim Les is 154-139 in his 9th year at Bradley and overall as a college head coach. He is 6-8 in the MVC tourney. Bradley has won six of its last eight and nine of its last 12 vs. Drake. Bradley is 3-0 vs. Drake in MVC tourney in St. Louis and this is the first time a #10 seed has won an opening round game since Indiana State beat Illinois State in 2007. It's also just the seventh win by a #10 seed since the 10-team format was developed in 1997.

Andrew Warren scored 15 points to become the 11th player in BU history with 1,600 career points and now has 1,604. BU is 6-6 when leading at the half this season. Andrew Warren, who had a string of 40 FT's in a row made earlier this season, was 0/4 from the line the first half. Milos Knezevic had six first-half points after going scoreless in two earlier games vs. DU. Jake Eastman had seven first-half points after getting six in two earlier games vs. DU. Jordan Prosser left the game with 14:28 remaining with a left leg injury. The MVC's second best free-throw shooting team, Bradley was 1/8 (.125) from the line seven minutes into the second half. Dyracus Simms-Edwards had career highs with 26 points and nine rebounds and added five assists. Anthony Thompson matched his career high with seven rebounds. Warren's four threes moved him past Philip Gilbert for third on BU's all-time list for treys with 224.

Drake: The Bulldogs finish their season with two straight losses and a 13-18 record. DU is now 13-21 in the MVC tourney. Coach Mark Phelps is 44-53 in his 3rd year at DU and overall as a college head coach.

Rayvonte Rice set a Drake freshman single season rebounding mark, breaking the old mark of 148, and now has 149. Rice also broke the freshman mark for field goals with 143. Rice also had the 25th double-figure scoring game of his freshman season, finishing with 13 points. Rice has career high four blocked shots which ties for second highest individual total in tourney history. Kraidon Woods has a career high 13 rebounds. It's the 17th game this year DU has scored 30 or fewer in the first half and the fifth time with 22 or fewer in the half. Drake has a team season high in blocked shots with eight that ties for the third highest total in tourney history.

First Half: DU missed its first eight shots from the field before a Kurt Alexander layup with 14:11 left. Of BU's 12 points in opening 8:23, eight came off Drake turnovers and BU got 16 first-half points off TO's. Drake tied the game and went ahead for the first time at 15-14 on a three-point play by Kraidon Woods with 7:40 left after Rayvonte Rice had a three-point play at 8:22 to cut into a 14-9 BU lead. A 10-1 run pushed the Braves ahead 27-20 before Drake cut the halftime score to 27-22. Drake made just one basket in last 4:28 of half.

Second Half: Drake opened the second half with six straight points for a 28-27 lead before Bradley regained the edge at 29-28. After shooting 28.6 percent (8/28) from the field in the first half, Drake hit 5/6 from the floor to start the second half and open a 35-31 lead. Bradley then went on a 13-0 run for a 44-35 lead eight minutes into the second half as Drake didn't score from the 17:07 mark to the 11:41 mark. Andrew Warren had seven points in the BU run. BU was still up nine at 49-40 when Warren buried a trey to make it 52-40 with eight minutes left. Warren and Dyracus Simms-Edwards each had 10 of Bradley's first 25 points in the first 12 minutes of the second half. A 10-2 run pushed Bradley's lead to 59-42 with 2:53 left and the Braves won by 15.

Records and Tournament Notes: Attendance of 6,675 is eighth best for MVC tourney opening round.