

# 2011 State Farm MVC Tournament – Game Notes

Game 6 ... Quarterfinal Round ... 8:35 p.m., Friday, March 4 ... St. Louis, Mo. (Scottrade Center) #3 Indiana State (52) vs. #6 Evansville (50)

**Indiana State:** The Sycamores are 18-13 on the year with a 19-28 MVC tourney record and lead the Evansville all-time series, 78-76. ISU's win was the first in three tries this season against Evansville. Greg Lansing is 18-13 in his first year at Indiana State and overall as a college head coach. He is 1-0 in the MVC tourney and 1-2 vs. Evansville. This was the first-ever UE-ISU meeting in the MVC tourney.

ISU's 19 first half points were Sycamores' fewest in a first half this season. Indiana State has won eight games by five or fewer points this season, and has 34 such wins since 2005. ISU is 13-0 this season when its foes score 63 or fewer points. The Sycamores' 52 points were within a point of their season low of 51 vs. Wyoming 12/4/10.

**Evansville:** The Aces drop to 15-15 with the loss and fall to 5-16 in MVC tourney play. Marty Simmons is 50-71 in his 4<sup>th</sup> year at Evansville and 148-144 in his 10<sup>th</sup> year overall as a college head coach.

Evansville trailed by 17 in both previous UE-ISU meetings and trailed by 8 and 12 at halftime in those two games before coming back to win both. In this game, the Aces led by five at halftime (24-19) but lost, thus failing to complete a first-ever 3-0 season sweep of ISU. UE was held under 60 points 11 times this season and finished 1-10 in those games. UE hasn't won an MVC tourney game since 2006. Colt Ryan had his 23<sup>rd</sup> double-figure scoring game of the season with 14 for UE.

**First Half:** UE took a 7-0 lead before ISU got on the board on a layup by Dwayne Lathan three minutes into the game. Lathan had a three-point play at 16:20 and the Sycamores then were scoreless nearly six minutes before Aaron Carter hit a trey at the 10:31 mark. ISU missed five shots and had four turnovers in that stretch. Isiah Martin followed with a dunk at 9:50 to cut the Evansville lead to 13-10. UE upped its lead to 18-10 and ISU was scoreless for three more minutes before Carl Richard scored underneath. Evansville then had a four-minute drought as ISU cut the 20-12 UE lead to 20-17. Evansville led 24-19 at halftime, the Aces' first halftime lead in three games vs. ISU.

**Second Half:** ISU closed to within a point of UE at 27-26 early in the second half but UE pushed its margin back to five at 31-26 by the first media time out. Indiana State got its first lead of the game at 34-33 when R.J. Mahurin scored underneath with 13:11 to play. UE ended a drought of 4:15 without a point before Troy Taylor hit a reverse layup with 9:52 left to tie the game at 35-35. Colt Ryan scored off an in-bounds pass with 6:30 left to knot the score at 42-42 for the third tie of the game. ISU didn't get a basket from the 9:07 mark to the 1:14 mark but went 8/8 from the foul line in that stretch to take a 46-42 lead. ISU got a free throw from Ryan and a trey from Denver Holmes to get the game even again at 46-46 with 3:27 to play. ISU got a free throw from Jake Odum with 3:19 left but Ryan hit a pair with 3:00 left to put UE in front 48-47. Nick Cox scored with 1:30 to play for UE and Walker hit a three-point play with 1:14 left for a 50-50 tie. Both teams had empty possessions before UE missed a shot. Clint Hopf rebounded but threw it into the back court for a violation, giving ISU possession with 7.7 seconds left. Odum hit a 15-footer to the right of the lane with half a second left for the win.

**Records and Tournament Notes:** Tonight's attendance of 9,318 puts the 2011 tourney total at 26,601 fans going into Saturday's semifinals. The overall tourney attendance for 21 years in St. Louis is 999,988.