

2011 State Farm MVC Tournament – Game Notes

Game 5 ... Semifinals ... 4:00 p.m., Saturday, March 5 ... St. Louis, Mo. (Scottrade Center)

#2 Wichita State (54) vs. #3 Indiana State (61)

Indiana State: ISU is 19-13 and the Sycamores are 20-28 in MVC tourney play. Greg Lansing is 19-13 in his first year at ISU and overall as a college head coach. He is 2-0 in MVC tourney play. ISU is 28-47 all-time vs. WSU. ISU is 3-4 vs. WSU in the MVC tourney and wins for the first time in three tries this season vs. WSU. Lansing is 1-2 vs. WSU. ISU is in the tournament finals for the first time since 2001

Jake Kelly played for the first time since Feb. 1 after missing eight games with mononucleosis. Myles Walker scored a career-best 14 points in his sixth double-digit point effort on 5/7 shooting from the floor. Printy's three long treys in the second half paced the Sycamores as he finished with nine points. ISU was 6-6 at the line in the final 44.4 seconds to lock up the win. Before allowing 50 and 54 points in their first two tourney games this year, ISU's best two defensive efforts in the school's MVC tourney history were a 50 in 2000 quarterfinals vs. WSU and 54 vs. Creighton in 1978 title game. WSU outrebounded ISU 22-16 in the first half but ISU had an 18-17 edge on the boards after intermission. Odum has seven steals in tourney (3 today) and is tourney leader with 16 FTA's and is 13/16 from the line in two games.

Wichita State: WSU is 24-8 and 24-30 in the MVC tourney. Gregg Marshall is 77-55 in his 4th year at WSU and 271-138 in his 14th year overall as a college head coach. He is 3-4 in MVC tourney play.

WSU's Garrett Stutz, who led Shockers with 16 points Friday vs. Bradley, had four points in 11 minutes Saturday. Durley finished with a team-high 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for his second double-double of the season. WSU was .241 (7/29) from three-point range.

First Half: WSU jumped ahead 7-0 before ISU got onto the board on a lay-in by Myles Walker at 16:07 mark. WSU pushed its lead to 13-2 before R.J. Mahurin hit a trey with 12 minutes left to make it 13-5. J.T. Durley was 3-of-4 from the floor with six of WSU's first 13 points, equaling his point total Friday vs. Bradley. From that point, ISU stormed back to a 20-20 tie with 5:40 left, overcoming an 18-7 deficit with a 13-2 run. WSU ended a 7:11 scoring drought with a trey from Ben Smith at the 3:26 mark to put WSU back in front, 23-20. An alley-oop to Ben Smith made it 25-20 before ISU ended a scoring drought of more than four minutes with two free throws with 50 seconds left. WSU led 27-22 at the half.

Second Half: Durley had a three-point play to open the half, pushing his game total to 13 points and doubling his output vs. Bradley Friday. From then, a 9-0 ISU run gave the Sycamores their first lead of the game at 31-30 with 16:19 left and ISU expanded the run to 13-0 and the lead to 35-30 with 14:40 to play. Five different Sycamores scored in the run as WSU hit a 4:58 scoring drought before David Kyles hit a free throw at 14:28. After the FT, ISU scored six more for an overall 18-1 run and a 40-31 lead with 13:42 remaining as Jordan Printy capped the run with a trey. WSU stormed back with seven straight points to get within 40-38 before Jake Odum's two free throws snapped the WSU run with 10 minutes left, ending a 4:33 scoring drought. ISU answered WSU's 10-2 run with a quick 9-0 burst, capped by another Printy trey and a bucket by Myles Walker that made it 51-41 at the 6:15 mark. Ben Smith had two FT's with 5:21 left to end the ISU run. Printy buried a deep trey with 3:20 left to make it 55-43 before Durley answered with a trey at the 3-minute mark. After Printy's trey at 13:46, ISU didn't get a FG until the 8:20 mark. WSU got back to 55-41 before Odum hit two free throws to push the margin back to six with 40 seconds left. David Kyles hit a three from the left corner with 31 seconds left to make it 57-54. Dwayne Lathan hit two FT's with 27.8 seconds remaining. Kyles then missed two trey tries and fouled Odum as Odum got the rebound on the second of those misses. Odum hit FT's with 11.5 seconds left and WSU missed its trey attempt.

Tournament Notes: Today's semifinal crowd of 13,533 ranks as the eighth best semifinal session in tourney history and moves the tourney three-day attendance total to 40,134. Creighton graduate Tyler Anderson of Milwaukee, Wis., entered the game as the one millionth fan in the 21-year history of the MVC tournament in St. Louis. Anderson gets two tickets to The Valley tourney each year for the rest of his life.

This marks the first time since 2009 and only the third time since 1999 the #2 seed isn't in the finals.