

2011 State Farm MVC Tournament – Game Notes

Game 5 ... Quarterfinals ... 6:05 p.m., Friday, March 4 ... St. Louis, Mo. (Scottrade Center)

#2 Wichita State (70) vs. #10 Bradley (56)

Wichita State: WSU is 24-7 and completes its first-ever 3-0 season sweep of Bradley. The Shockers are in the MVC semifinals for the second year in a row, moving to 15-13 in the MVC quarterfinals and 24-29 overall in the tourney. Coach Greg Marshall is 77-54 in his 4th year at WSU and 271-137 in his 13th year overall as a college head coach. He is 4-3 in MVC tourney play and 4-4 vs. Bradley. This is the Shockers' widest margin of victory in an MVC tourney game since Marshall has been at WSU.

David Kyles came off the bench with seven points to lead WSU the first 13 minutes of the game. WSU outscored BU 24-1 in first half bench points, led by Garrett Stutz who was 4/5 from the floor and scored 11 points with 4 rebounds. Stutz had totaled eight in two previous games vs. Bradley, and had totaled just 10 in WSU's last three games. He finished the night with a WSU game-high 16 points. WSU enjoyed a final bench-scoring advantage of 36-7 for the game as they got points from 10 different players.

Bradley: Bradley falls to 12-20 with the loss and the Braves drop to 28-30 in MVC tourney play. Coach Jim Les is 154-140 in his 9th year at BU and overall as a college head coach. He is 6-9 in MVC tourney play.

All-MVC performer Andrew Warren moves into 10th on the Bradley career scoring list with 1,621 points, passing Gene Melchiorre (1947-51) at 1,608. Warren finished with 225 career treys, third all-time at Bradley. Dyrucus Simms-Edwards, after getting a career-best 26 points in opening round against Drake, missed his first six shots and was scoreless until the 5:49 mark of the game when he had a three-point play. He finished 1/9 from the field with four points. After scoring just 5 total points in two previous WSU games, Dodie Dunson tallied 14 points. Dunson (14), Warren (17) and Will Egolf (12) combined for 75% of Bradley's 56 points.

First Half: All-MVC performer J.T. Durley picked up two personal fouls in the opening 2:26 of the game and did not return to play in the first half. WSU broke from a 4-4 tie to lead for several minutes before BU's Andrew Warren hit two free throws at 12:20 mark to tie the game at 11-11. WSU went up 22-18, hitting four shots in a row between the 10-minute mark and the eight-minute time out. WSU took its biggest margin to that point at 26-18. Bradley closed to within four at 26-22 but WSU then scored the last nine points of the period for a 35-22 halftime lead. Bradley went the last 4:28 of the half without a basket, with four missed shots and one turnover in that stretch. It was the Shockers' biggest halftime lead in three meetings with BU this season. BU is 3-14 when trailing at the half and WSU is 20-1 when leading at the half after this game. WSU hit .500 (14/28) from the floor the first half to .292 (7/24) for Bradley.

Second Half: WSU got the first two baskets of the second half to extend its lead to 39-22 as the Bradley field goal drought extended to 7:15 minutes before the Braves got a bucket at 17:13 from Andrew Warren. WSU got a trey from Demetric Williams for a 20-point lead at 44-24. The Braves got six straight points to get within 14 at 55-41 with 6:50 remaining, and within 11 at 57-46 with 5:45 left. Warren drained a trey to slice the lead to 10 at 56-46 with 1:44 remaining but that was as close as BU got with the Shockers winning by 14 points.