



## 2013 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Championship Tournament

Quarterfinals – Game 5

**No. 2 Creighton 60 No. 10 Southern Illinois 43**

*Friday, March 15, 2013 \* Family Arena, St. Charles, Mo.*

**TOURNAMENT TYPE** – Before the 2013 tourney, Creighton coach Jim Flanery had 12 Valley Tournament coaching wins—the other nine coaches in the 2013 tournament had combined for 16 (Tonya Warren 7, Jody Adams 4, Nyla Milleson 3 and Teri Moren 2) ... Creighton, trying for its fifth NCAA Tournament bid, is now 23-18 all-time in Valley tournaments, including 9-4 in St. Charles. CU won championships in 2002 & 2012 ... CU is 8-5 in six appearances as a No. 2 seed .. The Jays are trying to be just the sixth team in the 28-year history of Valley tournaments to defend a title (MSU won four straight, 1991-94; MSU won in 2003-04 and UNI won in 2010-11) ... CU is 35-15 all-time vs. SIU .. The Salukis are 2-6 in St. Charles tourneys.

**2013 REGULAR-SEASON MEETINGS** – Creighton swept SIU in the regular season—the first and last games of the conference season for both, winning 81-60 behind Sarah Nelson's 18 points Jan. 3 in Carbondale and 61-42 March 9 in Omaha.

**BLUEJAY FLIGHTS** – Sarah Nelson is just 9 points from 1,000 for her career ... The Jays' 277 3-pt. FG made are tied for No. 2 in Valley season history with MSU ('04) and 27 behind MSU's 2005 team, which set Valley and NCAA season records with 304 treys ... CU's 44 three-point attempts in a 74-69 OT win over Evansville on March 7 set a Valley single-game record.

**SALUKI NOTES** – SIU's 43 points is tied for 9th fewest for a game in Valley Tournament history .. SIU was only the second No. 10 seed to win in St. Charles and the wins by No. 9 Drake & No. 10 SIU were the second time in St. Charles that the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> seeds won on Thursday. The other was No. 9 Evansville beating SIU and No. 10 Wichita State beating Missouri State in 2009 ... Cartaesha Macklin's 32 points vs. MSU was a single-game record for a St. Charles tournament game, but CU held Macklin scoreless until 6:55 left in the game. She finished with 2 points vs. CU ... Dyana Pierre could become only the third Valley freshman to win the league's rebounding crown, averaging 9.0 per game. The other two are Valley all-time rebounding leader Wanda Ford and ex-WSU star Angela Buckner, who is No. 2 in Valley career boards ... SIU's win over MSU was its first in a Valley tournament since 2007.

**FIRST HALF** – SIU's 9 points at halftime are an all-time Saluki low halftime score and broke the tournament record for lowest halftime score. Indiana State scored 14 in a 76-39 semifinal loss to Illinois State in 2010 ... Sarah Nelson's 2 free throws with 18:23 left in the first half got the scoring started for CU ... Rishonda Napier's short jumper got SIU on the board at 16:54, but CU went on a 13-1 run to take a 15-3 lead with 12:28 remaining as five different Bluejays scored during the run ... Creighton built the lead to 20-4 before Sidney Goins hit a short jumper with 7:35 left for SIU's first field goal in 9:24. Despite a 17-4 lead at the 8-minute mark, CU was just 6 for its first 19 from the field. But the Jays then hit 4 shots in a row—each by a different player—to take a 28-9 lead, which stretched into 31-9 at halftime. CU is now 19-2 when leading at halftime ... SIU is now 0-22 when trailing at intermission.

**SECOND HALF** – SIU's shooting woes continued into the early part of the second half as the Salukis made just 2 of their first 11 attempts ... Marissa Janning's 3-pointer with 16:43 left in the game was No. 277 of the season for Creighton, tying the 2004 Missouri State season mark for 2<sup>nd</sup> best in Valley history ... At the under-12 minute time out (11:55), SIU was 3-15 from the field and CU 3-14 after halftime ... At 10:29, Azia Washington's layup was SIU's first points in the paint for the game as CU led 40-21. SIU finished with 8 points in the paint to 30 for CU ... CU led 44-23 with 9:22 left when SIU began a run with jumpers by Napier and Goins, then 3 free throws by Napier to slice the lead to 44-30 with 8:09 left ... SIU got as close as 13 on Macklin's first bucket of the game, but CU pulled away.