



2013 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Championship Tournament

Semifinals – Game 8

No. 3 Illinois State 64, No. 2 Creighton 61 (OT)

*Saturday, March 16, 2013 * Family Arena, St. Charles, Mo.*

TOURNAMENT TYPE – Creighton, trying for its 5th NCAA Tournament bid, is now 23-19 all-time in Valley tournaments, including 9-5 in St. Charles ... CU won Valley tourney championships in 2002 & 2012 ... CU is 8-6 in six appearances as a No. 2 seed ... Stephanie Glance got her first tourney game win for the Redbirds vs. BU; she is 2-2 in Valley Tournament games ... Illinois State is looking for its 5th tourney title and 7th NCAA bid ... this is the 4th time ILSU has been the No. 3 seed, with a record of 7-2 as No. 3, 20-18 in all-time tourney play ... the Jays are 3-2 vs. ILSU in the tournament ... ILSU's only prior tourney win over CU was 68-60 in the semifinals of the first St. Charles tournament in 2008; CU's wins were in 1994 in Omaha, and 2003 and 2007, both in Des Moines

2013 REGULAR-SEASON MEETINGS – The teams split the season series ... CU won 64-45 Jan. 11 in D.J. Sokol. Marissa Janning scored 11 points for CU as the Jays delivered the 'Birds worst defeat of the season ... ILSU won 66-60 Feb. 10 in Redbird Arena behind Jamie Russell's 22 points, 7 rebounds and 6 steals ... CU leads the series with ILSU 30-17.

BLUEJAY FLIGHTS – Sarah Nelson is just 3 points from 1,000 for her career ... the Jays' 287 3-pt. FG made are tied for No. 2 in Valley season history with MSU ('04) and 17 behind the 2005 MSU team, which set Valley and NCAA season records with 304 treys (this year, Florida Gulf Coast has surpassed MSU's season record)... at 9.2 3-pointers per game, CU ranks No. 2 in the nation ... the Jays are No. 11 in the nation in 3-point percentage as of March 14 games ... CU's 44 three-point attempts in a 74-69 OT win over Evansville on March 7 set a Valley single-game record.

REDBIRD REPORT – Candace Sykes' 4 3-pointers pushed her passed Cindy Kaufmann for 7th place on the ILSU career 3-pt. FG list with 132 ... Sykes had her 5th & 6th double-doubles of the season in the tourney with 10 pts. & 13 rebs. vs. BU in the quarterfinals and 18 points and 11 rebounds vs. CU in the semis.

FIRST HALF – ILSU got off to a 5-0 start with a 3-pointer by Alexis Foley and a bank shot by Janae Smith in the first 62 seconds ... CU answered with buckets by Sarah Nelson and Alyssa Kamphaus ... ILSU made its first 2 shots, then just 2 of the next 12. CU made 2 of its first 5 FG, then missed 7 straight ... from 10:58 to 7:12, CU was 0-1 with 4 turnovers as ILSU led 15-8 ... a McKenzie Fujan 3-pointer followed by a steal and layup by Carli Tritz gave CU 5 points in 13 seconds and cut the ILSU lead to 15-13 ... Sykes hit a 3 to start ILSU on a 14-5 run to the intermission ... CU is 5-4 when trailing at halftime ... CU averages 14.5 turnovers per game and had 11 at halftime ... the Jays average 9.2 3-pointers made per game and had just 2 at intermission ... Illinois State is 19-0 when leading at halftime.

SECOND HALF – Creighton started the second half 9-10 from the field including 4-5 from 3-point range ... that resulted in a 24-6 blitz to put CU ahead 42-35. Fujan scored 9 and Ally Jensen scored 8 of those 24 points ... ILSU was 2-8 with 5 turnovers during the Jays' run ... Fujan and Ally Jensen continued their damage by scoring 28 of Creighton's first 32 points in the second half ... Illinois State got within 4 points of CU on a Sykes 3-pointer with 6:06 left, but a Sarah Nelson 3-pointer and a Fujan layup gave Creighton its biggest lead 55-46 ... the 'Birds battled back with a Foley 3-pointer and a Sykes layup to cut the margin to 55-51 with 4:10 left ... a Chloe Nelson layup and a short jumper by Russell completed a 9-0 run to get ILSU even at 55-55 with 2:08 left ... Chloe Nelson missed a jumper in the lane with 0:08 left and CU called time out ... Tritz's shot was an air ball as regulation ended ... CU did not score in the last 5:20.

OVERTIME – The scoring draught continued for both teams until 2:40 left when Candace Sykes drained a 3-pointer to put ILSU ahead 58-55 ... going back to regulation, CU had missed 12 straight field goals before Janning hit a layup with 1:18 left, but Alexis Jenkins responded with a 5-footer in the lane and ILSU led 60-57 with 1:01 left ... Fujan missed a layup with 28 seconds left, and Russell split a pair of free throws to put ILSU up 61-57 ... Ally Jensen split a pair of free throws with 11 seconds left to bring CU within 3 points ... Russell was fouled with 8.3 seconds left and made both, but Fujan hit a 3 with 0:03 left and CU fouled Smith with 1.1 seconds left. She made the first free throw and Tritz's 80-foot heave at the end was way short.