



2013 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Championship Tournament

Quarterfinals – Game 3

No. 1 Wichita State 73, No. 9 Drake 58

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

TOURNAMENT TYPE – WSU is looking for its first Valley women's basketball championship. WSU has won a title in every other Valley sport in which the Shocks compete but women's hoops ... the Shockers are now 10-20 all-time in Valley tourney games (5-5 in St. Charles). Current coach Jody Adams is 5-4 in her 5 tourneys ... Drake had won all 6 previous Valley Tourney meetings with WSU ... In the series, Drake leads WSU 46-25 ... Drake is now 34-20 all-time in the tournament (8-6 in St. Charles).

THE HISTORY OF NO. 1 – In the first 13 Valley Tournaments, the No. 1 seed won the tournament 11 times. ... In the last 14, the No. 1 seed has won just five times, including only twice (Illinois State '08; UNI '11) since 2004.

2013 REGULAR-SEASON MEETINGS – Wichita State swept Drake as Jessica Diamond and Kelsey Jacobs each scored 14 points in a 70-51 decision Jan. 21 at Koch Arena. Alex Harden's 20 points led WSU to a 74-65 Valentine's Day win in Des Moines.

SHOCKER SHOUTS – The Shockers have improved their Valley Tournament seed in each of Jody Adams' coaching seasons (10 ... 6 ... 5 ... 3 ... 1) and have their first No. 1 seed in school history ... WSU's 2012-13 team has set school records for overall wins (22), Valley regular-season (15) and Valley road (7) wins ... since Feb. 17, 2011, WSU has the best regular-season Valley record (33-9), ahead of Illinois State (29-21) and Creighton (28-13) for that period ... Shocker depth has overwhelmed opponents; with 11 different starting lineups, the WSU bench is out-scoring opposing subs 687-315 for the season (22.1-13.1). Nine different Shockers have led the team in scoring at least once and all 11 active players have topped the team in rebounding at least once this season ... The Shocker defense has been so tough that WSU is 17-1 when scoring 60+ points this season, including 12-0 in Valley games scoring 60.

BULLDOG BITES – Drake shot a season-high 26 three-pointers (made 9) in the 81-66 win over MSU ... Kyndal Clark, the No. 3 scorer in the Valley, missed her first 7 shots vs. MSU, made one in the final minute of the half, then went 5-9 in the second half—3-5 from long distance—to score 15 second-half-points and finish with a game-high 17 points ... Against WSU, Drake was 10-19 on 3-pointers until the 15-minute mark of the second half—just 0-2 after that, and both of those were blocked.

FIRST HALF – With Morgan Reid scoring the first 4 points, DU jumped to an 8-2 lead in the first 3 minutes as WSU made just 3 of its first 12 shots ... Drake stretched to a 20-14 lead on consecutive 3-pointers by Liza Heap, Reid and Carly Grenfell ... 5 of Drake's first 10 field goals were 3-pointers, with the 5th coming from Lutes to give DU a 25-17 lead with 6:39 left ... WSU kicked into high gear at that point, with a 17-0 run hitting 8-10 FG over 4:09; Drake was 0-5 shooting with 4 turnovers during the Shockers' run. 12 of WSU's 17 points were in the paint ... WSU led 34-25 after the run, but Heap hit a three with 1:32 left to stop the run. After a Michelle Price bucket inside, Kyndal Clark hit back-to-back 3-pointers in the final minute as DU cut the deficit to 36-34 ... Clark did not score against MSU until the final minute of the half, but finished with 17 points ... 8 of Drake's 13 first-half field goals were 3-pointers ... WSU is 17-2 when leading at halftime; Drake is 2-15 when trailing at halftime.

SECOND HALF – Heap opened the second half with Drake's 9th 3-point basket of the game to put Drake back on top 37-36. Price got WSU back on top 40-37 with back-to-back shots inside. Drake answered with Ashley Bartow's first points of the game (Drake's 10th 3-pointer), then Bartow's inside shot on the next possession and 2 free throws by Mary Pat Specht (Drake's first FT attempts) put Drake ahead 44-40 on a 7-0 run with 15:12 left ... WSU took over the game at that point with a 24-3 blitz from 14:32 to 6:41, punctuated by 7 straight FG made, to give WSU a 64-47 lead ... In the final 14:32, WSU out-scored Drake 33-14.