



2013 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Championship Tournament

Semifinals – Game 7

No. 1 Wichita State 74, No. 4 Northern Iowa 71, OT

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

TOURNAMENT TYPE – WSU is looking for its first Valley women's hoop title. WSU has won a title in every other Valley sport in which WSU competes except women's hoops ... WSU is now 11-20 all-time in Valley tourney games (5-5 in St. Charles). Coach Jody Adams is 6-4 in her 5 tourneys ... UNI is trying for its third league tournament title, having won in 2010 & 2011 ... With a 14-16 all-time Valley tournament record, UNI is 2-2 as a No. 4 seed ... Tanya Warren is now 8-4 in Valley Tourney play; she has coached all of UNI's games in St. Charles ... The Panthers lead the all-time series 34-31 and are 4-1 vs. WSU in the Valley Tournament ... WSU is in the semifinals for the 6th time with a 2-4 mark ... this was UNI's 9th semifinal game, with a 2-7 record ... This is only the fifth time in 21 Valley tournaments with at least 8 teams that the top 4 seeds have advanced to the semi-finals ... the No. 1 seed won 3 times (MSU 1993, DU 1998, ILSU 2008), the No. 4 seed (MSU in 2003) won once. It's the 2nd time in 6 St. Charles tournaments (ILSU 2008).

2013 REGULAR-SEASON MEETINGS – Wichita State won both games of the season series, The Shockers won 60-57 Jan. 12 in Cedar Falls as Jessica Diamond had 13 points. WSU completed the sweep Feb. 8 in Charles Koch Arena with a 57-47 win thanks to Alex Harden's 16 points ... Jacqui Kalin scored 22 at UNI and 20 at WSU for the Panthers.

SHOCKER SHOUTS –Harden scored 19 of her career-high 28 points after halftime vs. UNI ... in the win over UNI, WSU had 3 turnovers in 45 minutes ... WSU has raised its Valley Tournament seed in each of Jody Adams' coaching seasons (10=6=5=3=1) and has its first No. 1 seed in program history ... WSU has set school records for overall wins (23), Valley regular-season (15) and Valley road (7) wins ... WSU is 34-9 since Feb. 17, 2011, best in the Valley.

PANTHER PLAYS – Kalin scored 21 of her 26 points after halftime vs. WSU ... Amber Kirschbaum's 23 points vs. INSU in the quarterfinal game were a season high. She had her 5th double-double of the season vs. WSU with 19 points and 10 rebounds... Kalin is No. 6 in Valley career scoring with 2,050 points ... Kalin is the first UNI player to win a Valley scoring title.

FIRST HALF – Harden scored the first 4 points of the game on a driving basket and 2 free throws ... Brooke Brown earned UNI's first basket with a 3-pointer at 17:38 and UNI took a 5-4 lead on Amber Kirschbaum's bucket with 16:37 left ... after WSU closed to 15-14, UNI went on a 17-7 run to finish the half which began with 2 free throws each by Brittni Donaldson and Hannah Schonhardt, and continued with 6 straight field goals made, including two each by Kirschbaum and Jess McDowell ... there were only 8 turnovers (WSU 2, UNI 6) in the first half ... WSU is now 3-7 when losing at intermission ... UNI falls to 16-3 when ahead at halftime.

SECOND HALF – Darice Fontaine started the scoring for WSU with a rebound basket at 19:24 and Jasmine Jones followed with a 3-pointer as the Shockers opened the second half with an 18-4 run to take a 39-36 lead with 14:13 remaining ... baskets by Kalin and Stephanie Davison got UNI back ahead 40-39 with 12:44 after UNI missed its first four field goals of the second half ... Harden led the Shocker answer at that point—in the next two minutes, Harden forced a turnover, got a layup-and-one 3-point play, hit another jumper, got a defensive rebound and converted a third straight shot to put WSU ahead 48-42 at 8:45 ... UNI went on a 10-1 run over the next 3 minutes to take a 52-49 lead—a lead which changed hands on 6 straight possessions, with Kalin putting UNI ahead 58-57 with 2:34 left, but Harden missed for WSU and Kalin hit two more free throws and UNI led 60-57 ... Diamond's jumper with 1:37 left made it 60-59 UNI ... after an empty trip for UNI, Harden's drive put WSU ahead with 1:03 left, Kalin missed and Diamond converted 2 free throws to put WSU up 63-60 with 39.2 seconds left ... Kalin's layup with 13.1 seconds left cut the WSU lead to 63-62, but Harden's 2 free throws stretched the lead to 65-62 with 12.4 seconds left and Kalin tied it with a 23-footer with 7 seconds left ... Harden's try at the buzzer for the win rimmed out.

OVERTIME – WSU opened the OT with a 9-2 run including 2 more Harden baskets, but UNI bounced back with a bucket by Kirschbaum and 2 free throws by Brown to cut the lead to 74-71 with 49 seconds left ...Harden missed two free throws with 30.7 seconds left ... McDowell missed a long 3, and Harden was fouled on the rebound. She made 1 of 2 to seal the win.