



State Farm Missouri Valley Conference
Women's Basketball Tournament
Family Arena – St. Charles, Mo.
Game 1 – Thursday, March 8, 2012

No. 8 Bradley def. No. 9 Southern Illinois, 85-67

Post-game Quotes - Bradley

Catie O'Leary:

On pulling away in the second half: "If we get into a track meet with these guys, we're going to get our legs run down. I think it was good that we came out in the second half and kind of calmed things down and started playing more of our basketball."

Kelsey Budd:

On playing Missouri State tomorrow: "I think we just need to come out focused with our own game, ready to play our game plan, and just stay together as a unit. Come out strong and play our game and stay focused."

Shronda Butts:

On playing her first Missouri Valley Conference Tournament game: "I was a little bit (nervous), but I got through it. After my first basket, I think I opened up and was ready to get after it. I was ready to go."

Coach Paula Buscher:

On today's win: "In general, I was just real proud of our team. That's a very good Southern Illinois team. They just keep battling you and battling you. I think it was one of those games that you have to grind out. That's what happens in tournaments. You've got to be willing to do that. And you have to keep playing tough. And I thought we got a little spread in the second half."

On the depth of her team: "That's one thing we felt is one of our stronger points—the depth off the bench. It's been different players that have stepped up and stayed ready. And we had a lot of people come off the bench and contribute. But you really recognize Michelle Young. I thought she came in and she was a difference maker on both ends of the floor. We went to a zone for a little bit, she got a few tips on the front line of that—got some things going. And then she got things going offensively as well."



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Teri Oliver:

On tying the game, but not being able to take the lead: "In any sport it's always critical to get the momentum swinging your way—whether it's through a basket, or foul call or your fans just in there rooting for you. No matter what it is, momentum is always a big deal."

Cartaesha Macklin:

On being named Freshman of the Year: "I know I haven't reached my potential yet, so it gives me something to work for, too. And being recognized, I appreciate it from all the coaches and staff members."

Coach Missy Tiber:

On today's loss: "I was very proud of our effort today. I thought we played really hard. We didn't play really smart at times. But I knew we'd be facing challenges in this conference tournament with a lack of experience. And four of our starters—the first time that they've ever played in a conference tournament and how they'd emotionally handle it. But effort-wise, just very pleased with what they gave us. A little disappointed on our effort as far as defensive effort—just mentally. But otherwise, I'm proud of this team and what we gave this year. I'm just really looking forward as we continue to build our program with so many young kids."

On returning 13 of 14 players next year: "There's a lot of work to be done. We're still playing some players out of position... I think there are a few weakness areas, and there's a few girls that weren't playing this year that are big-time players that are going to contribute significantly, though they will just be freshmen next year."