



State Farm Missouri Valley Conference
Women's Basketball Tournament
Family Arena – St. Charles, Mo.
Game 2 – Thursday, March 8, 2012

No. 7 Drake def. No. 10 Evansville, 52-48

Post-game Quotes - Drake

Rachael Hackbarth:

On playing immediately after winning the Jackie Stiles Player of the Year Award: "I tried to just separate the two—the awards ceremony and the game—and to not let the awards and the accolades carry over into how I came out and played the game. As soon as they were done, I went to the locker room and started talking game plan and that was that."

On versatility: "My whole life I didn't want to hear that post players can't dribble the ball, so that's something I worked on."

Amber Wollschlager:

On hitting a big shot at the end to seal the win: "I knew it was coming to me. The last time Rachael tried to keep it herself, we ended up turning the ball over. And the next time I'm like 'Rachael, I got you in the corner. I got you in the corner.' And I just knew it was coming. I was just ready to shoot that."

Coach Amy Stephens:

On today's win: "The team did a great job adjusting at halftime. I'm just really, really proud of our team, and in particular our two seniors made plays down the stretch. Rachael hit the key layup for the go-ahead. And then, obviously Rachel's kick-out to Amber was the dagger shot."

On tomorrow's game "We like the side of the bracket we're on. We like the matchups. And after the hand we were dealt, obviously we'd love to be fifth, but it didn't work out that way, so you play the cards you're dealt. Our players embraced this week of practice and they embraced this game. They could have easily rolled over in the second half, but they made the adjustments and I thought really came out of the locker room at half time—which has been a little bit of a weakness for us."



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Taylor Ware:

On keeping her team in the game with her three-pointers: "Coach is always telling me to shoot the ball if I'm open. And I knew I had to shoot for our team to have some success. So I was getting kicks and I was open, so I took the shot."

"We were both battling there at the end. They just took the lead right there at the end. And we just didn't have enough time at the end to come back."

Coach Otis Epps:

On today's loss: "I would like to take my hat off to Drake. I thought they played an outstanding game. They showed a lot of resiliency in that second half to come out and fight back like they did. There were a lot of momentum swings in that game, and I thought their experience of their upper classmen showed. They made the big shot at the end to kind of seal the deal. But just to battle and will their team back. And again, Rachael Hackbarth is a heck of a player. I thought we had our hands full with her, but for the most part I thought we did a good job on her. That's about as good as anybody can do with her. I'm real proud of my team as well. I thought they laid it out there for 40 minutes. Our seniors did a good job of leading us and laying it on the line as well."