



State Farm Missouri Valley Conference
Women's Basketball Tournament
Family Arena – St. Charles, Mo.
Game 3 – Friday, March 9, 2012

No. 1 Missouri State def. No. 8 Bradley, 58-54

Post-Game Quotes – Missouri State

Coach Nyla Milleson:

On today's win: "We're glad to be playing tomorrow. I thought we played very, very good defense today. Our offense just sputtered, and we had a hard time finding the basket. But in the end, I thought we showed a lot of guts and grits and made plays when we had to coming down the stretch. This group has been there before and I think that experience paid off today."

Casey Garrison:

On getting back into the game: "We kept fighting and we didn't give up. Our defense really helped us out a lot. I think our press also really helped us out a lot, and we made our free throws at the end when we needed to."

Karly Buer:

On knocking down the late free throws: "I like to think of it as just another free throw. I don't necessarily think about the situation as much to get my nerves up. It's just like in practice, we work on free throws every day, and it was just another free throw in my opinion."



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Leah Kassing:

On the future of Bradley basketball: "We have (Shronda) Butts and Michelle (Young) and Fantasia (Vine) all next year. That will be helping that team out. Coming in, we all really got to know each other and we have a lot of fun together. All three of them, they're willing to work and they're willing to put in the time. So as long as they continue doing that, they'll be successful in their careers."

On keeping the Missouri State scoring in check: "We went through scouts with the coaches. We knew what players liked to go left, who liked to go right. We really focused and keyed in on what they like to do."

Shronda Butts:

On the team's senior leadership: "It was great senior leadership. They really helped me get going throughout the year. I really appreciate them for that. Just great seniors."

Coach Paula Buscher:

On her team's loss to Missouri State: "I thought we battled a very good Missouri State team. We had them right there on the ledge and we just didn't finish it out. And I have to give credit to them because they stepped up and they knocked down free throws, and they made plays at the end. But I'm proud of what our team did and how much they battled—especially finishing out the season with a high level of intensity and, really, team work. I thought they did a great job with that. Unfortunately, we came up on the short end of a very good game."

On Leah Kassing: "I didn't think they could stop Leah. I don't know if anyone could have tonight. We just needed to keep trying to give her as many touches (as we could). There were times late in the game we were going to Leah. And I knew they had three people on her, and I didn't care, and she didn't care, and she still finished. That's a testament to that young lady there."