

State Farm State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament

Family Arena – St. Charles, Mo. Game 8 – Saturday, March 10, 2012

No. 7 Drake def. No. 3 Wichita State, 56-52

Post-Game Quotes - Drake

Coach Amy Stephens:

On the game: "Just a gritty, gritty performance by our team today. Anytime we have held people in the 50s we've given ourselves a chance to win games. Our defense and our rebounding is what won it. Our offense was really ugly, especially in the second half. Our players showed a lot of composure in situations when we were turning the ball over and giving up easy baskets to Wichita."

On the Creighton championship game match-up: "Love the opportunity. We are excited to be in the championship game. We are going to come in prepared and excited to play. We don't care who it is. We would play Tennessee tomorrow if we could. We just want an opportunity to compete for a championship, and we are doing that."

Kyndal Clark:

On making the last free throws of the game: "We have to shoot 500 free throws a week. At that point, I knew they had to go in, it wasn't an option. I wasn't going to over-think it. I was just going to go up there and do my routine."

Rachael Hackbarth:

On the chance to go to the NCAA tournament: "This is an unreal experience especially for the seniors on the team. Just the feel that we have on this team, the chemistry and the way we grind out and play for each other. We never quit. Anything is possible right now for us."



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Coach Jody Adams:

On the teams second half performance: "We had a choice and I love the choice that we took. We could have caved and we didn't, we fought. I'm very proud of this team and very proud to be their head coach."

On Rachel Hackbarth's effect on the game: "She draws a lot of attention. It wasn't the inside-outside game that bothered us; what bothered us was that we did not defend the simple single screen. She is a very strong young lady and plays a very physical game and physicality causes sloppiness."

Haleigh Lankster:

On Drake's performance: "That was the most determined that I have ever seen Drake. They were determined. They had a game plan, and they executed."

Jessica Diamond:

On the team's turnovers: "[Drake] played very physical. I just think that we need to be more detailed. We weren't using the screens or setting the cuts up."