



Missouri Valley Conference
Women's Basketball Tournament
The Family Arena – St. Charles, Mo.
Game 1 – Thursday, March 14, 2013

No. 9 Drake 81, No. 8 Missouri State 66

Drake Quotes

Head Coach Jennie Baranczyk

On play of Mary Pat Specht:

"Something we told her before you go in: If you have an open shot you take it...Do not miss taking an open shot tonight. So whether it was a good shot or not a very good shot she ended up taking the open shot, and that's exactly what we need her to do."

On playing a close game against Missouri State:

"We've played them twice already this year and they were close games then, and we knew we would get a close game here today."

Mary Pat Specht

On making big shots in the second half:

"My shot was feeling really good tonight. I just credit my teammates for finding me. They found me in transition, and Alyssa [Marschner] gave me two big assists. I just credit my teammates, it's all them."

On role on the team:

"As the season has gone on, we've figured out our roles. Mine is definitely as a shooter. Sometimes the coaches get mad at me if I don't shoot. As the season has gone along, we have definitely figured out what we do best, and that is just one way of helping our team."

Emma Donahue

On Missouri State's size:

"With their big post guys, they have a block presence. We had to work around that, and we had to go for different shots then we might have [normally gone for]. Defensively, I stepped up and had some blocks, and that really fueled the team and allowed them to not come back at us."

On hitting big shots:

"My shot has been on recently. It was great to see that my team was finding me and they were aware of it."

On learning role in the offense

"I'm just starting to figure out where I fit in this offense. It's exciting to start understanding where I should be."

Missouri State Quotes

Coach Nyla Milleson

On floor leadership:

“We’re really lacking that lockdown leader that is just going to get in somebody’s face and get stops, and somebody that says, ‘I want the ball and I’m going to go score.’ We just don’t have it. We got some kids that lead really well by example on a day-to-day basis. We are just really lacking floor leadership, and again it showed today.”

Kenzie Williams

On Drake’s Mary Pat Specht:

“I mean we scouted her, we have played them three times now. We knew she was a shooter, but we just needed to get back. She hit some in transition and we found the paint, but we didn’t find the shooters to match up and that was just something we needed to do better.”