



2018 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament

Semifinal Round – Game 7

No. 1 Drake 68, No. 4 Southern Illinois 59

Saturday, March 10, 2018 * TaxSlayer Center, Moline, Ill.



HEAD TO HEAD – Drake leads the series with Southern Illinois 59-28, including 5-1 in neutral site (Valley Tournament) games. DU has won 9 of 11 over SIU in the past 5 seasons. The Bulldogs are 9-5 against the Salukis in Valley Tournament Play, the most-recent previous meeting coming in 2007, when the No. 8-seed Bulldogs upset the No. 1 seed Salukis 59-47 in the quarterfinals. Drake won that tournament.

TOURNAMENT TYPE – Drake is 44-24 all-time in the Valley Tournament, with 6 championships and 6 runner-up finishes. Drake is 16-1 as the No. 1 seed, winning as top seed in 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2017—runner-up in 2001 ... SIU is 18-25 with titles in 1987 and 1990. SIU has been runner-up 5 times—last in 1993. SIU is 7-10 in quarters ... SIU is 2-3 in 3 tourneys as No. 4 seed.

2017-18 REGULAR-SEASON MEETINGS – Drake took both games against SIU in the regular season. **Becca Hittner's** 15 points led Drake to a 75-64 win Jan. 7 in Carbondale. Despite **Nicole Martin's** career-high 24 points, DU prevailed 84-73, Feb. 2 in Des Moines.

BULLDOG BITES – With 307 treys this season, Drake is No. 1 in Valley history in season 3-pointers, eclipsing MSU's NCAA record 305 ... Drake is No. 7 in the nation in scoring (83.3) ... 7 different Drake players have led the team in scoring for at least one game this season ... With 2,651 points, DU is No. 4 in Valley history for single-season team points, just 61 points out of 3rd place and 94 from 2nd ... **Becca Hittner's** .484 (108-223) career 3-point FG Pct. is No. 1 in Drake history. Hittner's .850 free throw percentage (176-207) is No. 2 in Drake history ... DU's 11 3-pointers were the most allowed by SIU in a game this season ... DU's bench outscored SIU's 39-4.

SALUKI SHOTS – **Kylie Giebelhausen** is No. 1 in SIU history in minutes played with 4,154 ... **Abby Brockmeyer's** 5 double-doubles are tied for No. 2 by a Saluki freshman ... SIU's 14 steals vs. Indiana State were their season best, including a career-high 5 steals by **Nicole Martin** ... SIU's 28 4th-quarter points vs. Indiana State in the semifinals are an MVC Tourney 4th-quarter record, eclipsing 27 by SIU vs. Loyola in 2016.

FIRST QUARTER RECAP – SIU scored on its first 6 possessions, including 2 second-chance baskets to take an 13-6 lead in the first 4 minutes ... **Abby Brockmeyer** had 6 points, 1 rebound and 2 assists in the first 5 minutes for SIU ... Back-to-back 3-pointers by **Makenzie Silvey** gave SIU a 16-8 lead with 3:44 left ... Neither team scored from 4:11 to 0:40 of the first quarter, but **Brittney Patrick's** driving layup with 0:40 left was the only score in the final 4:11 as SIU led 16-8. It was Drake's lowest-scoring first quarter of the year and 3rd-lowest first-quarter score in Valley Tourney history.

SECOND QUARTER RECAP – Including its first possession of the 2nd quarter, Drake had turnovers in 5 of 7 possessions ... **Abby Brockmeyer** scored first for SIU to push the lead to 20-8, but Drake answered with a **Sara Rhine** blocked-but-in 2-footer followed by a **Maddy Dean** three from the top of the key to launch a 13-3 run to cut the SIU lead to 23-21 on another Dean three with 5:08 left ... On a **Nicole Martin** shot at 4:04, she was fouled by **Becca Jonas**, but Martin was assessed a technical foul. **Becca Hittner** made both shots for Drake. Martin split hers and SIU led 24-23 ... **Sammie Bachrodt** hit a 3 from the right wing to give Drake its first lead 26-24 with 1:34 left ... Drake's 21 points tie for No. 2-highest in a 2nd quarter in Valley Tournament play ... Drake is 21-2 when leading at halftime ... DU out-scored SIU's bench 19-2 in the first half ... SIU is 2-10 when trailing at halftime.

THIRD QUARTER RECAP – **Kylie Giebelhausen's** 3-pointer keyed SIU's scoring the 1st 6 points of the 3rd quarter to retake the lead 32-29 ... **Sara Rhine** and **Maddy Dean** came off the DU bench at that point (8:00) and each scored a basket to give Drake a 33-32 lead ... SIU responded with a driving basket by **Makenzie Silvey** and 2 free throws by **Abby Brockmeyer** to pull ahead 36-33 at 4:57 (media time out) ... Drake had 4 turnovers in the first 5 minutes of the 3rd quarter ... DU erased the 5-point Saluki lead on a layup by **Becca Jonas**, a 3-pointer by **Nicole Miller** and a layup by **Maddy Dean** with 2:20 left. The Bulldogs led 46-40 with 1:16 left when Brockmeyer hit a driving shot and SIU forced a Drake turnover. But **Hannah Fuller** stole the ball from **Kristen Nelson** in the open court and Drake added to its lead with two free throws by Rhine.

FOURTH QUARTER RECAP – **Becca Hittner** and **Becca Jonas** scored on DU's 1st 2 possessions and the Bulldogs led 52-42 a minute into the 4th quarter ... After an SIU time out, 2 driving layups by **Brittney Patrick** keyed a 6-1 SIU run, cutting the DU lead to 53-48 with 7:01 left ... But **Sammie Bachrodt** and Hittner hit long 3-pointers and DU had its biggest lead at 59-48 with 5:09 left ... SIU got within 5, but **Maddy Dean** hit 2 free throws to reach a season-high 22 points to put the game away.