



2018 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament

Opening Round - Game 2

No. 7 Bradley 77, No. 10 Evansville 49

Thursday, March 8, 2018 * TaxSlayer Center, Moline, Ill.



HEAD TO HEAD – Bradley leads the all-time series with Evansville 31-20, including winning 17 of the last 23. BU coach **Andrea Gorski** is 4-1 vs. Evansville, while UE's **Matt Ruffing** is 1-4 vs. Bradley.

TOURNAMENT TYPE – UE is 18-17 all-time in the tournament, including title in 2009 and 1999. Of the eight teams that have been in the Valley more than five years, Bradley is the only one to not reach a title game. The Braves are 8-27 all-time in tournament games, including 2-1 vs. Evansville ... In 2011, the Braves won 64-47 in a first round, No. 8 vs. No. 9 game. In 2014, the Aces won 84-81 in overtime in a semifinal game. Both games were in St. Charles ... UE is 1-4 as a No. 10 seed and 3-5 in opening round games. BU is 1-2 as a No. 7 seed and 6-4 in opening round games ... UE's loss broke a streak of 3 straight opening-round wins.

2017-18 REGULAR-SEASON MEETINGS – Bradley swept the season series against Evansville, riding a 39-point first quarter to a 117-54 win Jan. 21 in Evansville. It was the fourth-highest single-game team point total in Valley history. **Gabi Haack's** 21 points led six Braves in double figures. The Braves scored on 17 of 19 possessions during a 42-point third quarter on the way to a 92-47 win over UE Feb. 16 in Peoria behind **Vanessa Markert's** 21 points. BU is shooting .582 (82-141) from the field, .533 behind the arc (24-45) and has a 95-44 rebounding edge.

BRAVE BITS – **Vanessa Markert** has 103 points (14.7) and 41 rebounds (5.9) in her last 7 games... **Anneke Schlueter** has 1,004 points, 18th on the Bradley career list. She needs 15 to move into 17th place (ahead of **Carol Baresch**) and 27 to pass **Dena Williams** (1,030) for 16th place ... Last week Markert passed her coach **Andrea McAllister Gorski**, who now is No. 19 ... Schlueter's 148 3-pointers, tying her coach for No. 5 on the BU career list and 5 behind No. 4 **Heather Best** ... Eight different Braves have led the team in scoring for at least 1 game and 8 have led in rebounding at least once ... The Braves are 3-8 in games decided by 9 points or less ... **Gabi Haack** needs 23 rebounds to tie **Chelsea Brackman** for No. 1 in freshman rebounds at BU and she has moved into 6th place on the all-time freshman scoring list for BU.... **Gabi Haack** and **Nijah White** have tied for 4th place in all-time freshman duo for BU... **Gabi Haack** had her 4th 20-point game of the season vs. Evansville and this was her 2nd 20-point game against Evansville this season. It was also her 3rd time making 6 or more 3 pointers in a game this season... **Chelsea Brackmann** tied her career-high in blocks with 3 and set a career high with 4 steals vs. UE.

ACES ATOMS – **Kerri Gasper** is only the 9th MVC player to shoot .900 or better from the free throw line in a season. Gasper is 72-78 (.923), and sits in 4th place on the Valley single-season list. Two former Aces teammates (**Mallory Ladd** and **Samantha Heck**) are in the top 5 ... UE leads the nation in Free Throw Pct. with .820 (333-406), which sets a Valley single-season record (Illinois State shot .805 in 2010).

FIRST QUARTER RECAP – UE led 9-4 at the 6:54 mark as **Nijah White**, who had Bradley's first 4 points, left the game with 2 early fouls for BU and Hannah Noe scored the first 7 UE's points ... **Shunseere Kent** picked up her second foul at 5:01 ... UE led 11-8 on **Kerri Gasper's** 2 free throws with 4:46 left, but **Gabi Haack** drilled 3-pointers on Bradley's next three possessions, and fed **Chelsea Brackman** for a layup before **Haack** went back to work with another long trey and a layup, scoring 14 in a 16-0 Bradley run to end the first half ... UE was 3-12 with 3 turnovers while BU was 9-18 shooting, 5-7 from the arc, and had just 2 turnovers. BU led 24-11 at the quarter.

SECOND QUARTER RECAP – **Kaylan Coffman** scored the 1st basket of the second half to snap BU's 16-0 run and a 5:33 draught ... **Vanessa Markert** had a basket, then 2 free throws to spark a 9-0 BU spurt to build the Braves' lead to 42-19 at halftime ... **Gabi Haack** had 20 points at intermission ... BU is 11-4 when leading at halftime.

THIRD QUARTER RECAP – UE's **Kaylan Coffman** scored 6 of the Aces' 10 3rd-quarter points ... **Chelsea Brackmann** stayed consistent in her Bradley rebounding with 4 in the third quarter—she had 4 in each of the first two quarters ... **Gabi Haack** had just 1 shot in the third quarter and did not score .. After BU out-rebounding UE 28-12 in the first half, the rebounds were 10 each in the 3rd quarter.

FOURTH QUARTER RECAP – In the fourth quarter, both teams emptied their benches. Bradley played 15 players ... UE played 10 players ... **Missy Adrian** has 6 points this season—two 3-pointers against Evansville, including Bradley's final points tonight.