



2018 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament

Quarterfinal Round - Game 5

No. 2 Missouri State 76, No. 7 Bradley 68

Friday, March 9, 2018 * TaxSlayer Center, Moline, Ill.



HEAD TO HEAD – Missouri State leads Bradley 54-25 in the all-time series, including 7-2 in Valley Tourney play. The two teams had split 4 previous Valley Tourney meetings. MSU coach **Kellie Harper** is 9-2 vs. Bradley. BU coach **Andrea Gorski** is 2-3 vs. MSU.

TOURNAMENT TYPE – Missouri State is first in wins (46-20), first in championships (10) and first in championship game appearances (15) ... The Lady Bears are 6-2 in 3 times as a No. 2 seed, winning the title in 2001 as a No. 2 ... MSU is 16-7 in quarterfinal games ... Bradley is 9-28 all-time in tournament play. The Braves have never gone past the semifinal round of the tournament.

2017-18 REGULAR-SEASON MEETINGS – **Alexa Willard** scored 18 points to lead Missouri State past Bradley 71-65, Jan. 14 in Peoria. **Liza Fruendt** led all scorers with 22 points in a 74-54 Lady Bear win over the Braves Feb. 9 in Springfield.

LADY BEAR TRACKS – With 131 points (14.5) and 73 rebounds (8.1) in her last 9 games, **Aubrey Buckley** is well-ahead of her prior season averages of 9.0 ppg and 5.3 rebounds per game ... **Liza Fruendt** is No. 9 on the MSU career scoring list with 1636 points, behind **Lynn Strubbing's** 1641 and **Kenzie Williams' 1645** ... Fruendt's 536 points this season are No. 14 at MSU ... Fruendt has 76 3-pointers this season, No. 6 in MSU history.

BRAVE BITS – **Shunsheere Kent** scored a career-high 22 points against MSU ... **Nyah White** tied her career high with 14 points before fouling out with 3:05 to play ... 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 **Nyah White** are the No. 1 freshman rebounding duo in BU history with 310 **Anneke Schlueter** hit her 149th career 3-pointer, passing her coach, **Andrea McAllister Gorski** for 5th place on the career 3-pointer list.

FIRST QUARTER RECAP – **Nyah White** scored the first 6 Bradley points as the Braves and Lady Bears were tied at 6-6, 8-8 and 10-10 during the first quarter ... MSU got 5 points each from **Liza Fruendt**, **Brice Calip** and **Aubrey Buckley** to lead 19-16 after a quarter. The Lady Bears made 6-15 shots and had just 2 turnovers.

SECOND QUARTER RECAP – The teams combined for 8 3-pointers in the 2nd quarter, but MSU made 8-15 total field goals to extend the Lady Bear lead to 40-33 ... **Shunsheere Kent** had 11 of Bradley's 17 2nd-quarter points—MSU had 6 different players score in the 2nd quarter, including **Liza Fruendt**, who beat the buzzer with her 3rd 3-pointer of the game to put MSU ahead 40-33 ... MSU is 17-1 when leading at halftime ... BU is 2-14 when trailing at halftime.

THIRD QUARTER RECAP – **Liza Fruendt** hit a driving layup and a rainbow 3-pointer in the first 2:30 of the second half as MSU went on a 7-2 run to extend the Lady Bear lead to 47-35 with 7:09 left (a Bradley time out) ... Bradley got as close as 8 at 52-44 on a **Vanessa Markert** 3-pointer with 1:41 left, but a 6-0 Lady Bear run was punctuated by **Aubrey Buckley's** 3-pointer that beat the buzzer to put MSU ahead 57-44.

FOURTH QUARTER RECAP – MSU led by as many as 14 at 68-54 with 5:38 left when **Nyah White** ignited a 12-2 Bradley run over the next 3:10 **Gabi Haack's** 3-pointer with 2:20 left got Bradley within 4 points at 70-66, but **Danielle Gitzen** hit 2 free throws 7 seconds later and **Aubrey Buckley** sealed the deal with a bucket-and-one with 36 seconds left as MSU led 75-68.