



2018 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament

Quarterfinal Round - Game 6

No. 3 UNI 56, No. 6 Illinois State 36

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



HEAD TO HEAD – Illinois State leads the all-time series with UNI 41-36, but the Panthers have won the last 9 meetings. UNI coach **Tanya Warren** is 17-8 vs. ILS, including 2-1 in MVC Tourney meetings. ILS coach **Kristen Gillespie** is 0-3 vs. UNI ... ILS and UNI are No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, in the Valley in scoring defense and FG Pct. defense. They are the only 2 Valley teams to hold more than one opponent under 40 points this season (UNI has held 3, including ILS tonight).

TOURNAMENT TYPE – The Redbirds' season-low 36 points are also the 2nd-lowest tournament-game total in Valley history ... The combined score of 92 points is the 6th-fewest points by both teams in a Valley Tournament game ... UNI is 3-2 in 5 post-season games with the Redbirds ... The Redbirds, a No. 8 seed, stunned No. 4 UNI 58-48 in the semifinals of the 2005 tournament in Normal—a tournament the Birds won the next day. In 2006 at Springfield, No. 3 UNI beat No. 6 ILS 70-62 in the quarterfinal round. In the 2010 semis at St. Charles, No. 5 UNI edged No. 1 ILS 61-59 in the semis. UNI won the tournament the following day. In the 2014 quarterfinals, No. 6 Illinois State tipped No. 3 UNI 65-63 in St. Charles. ILS is 1-4 in 4 appearances as a No. 6 seed. UNI is 4-5 as a No. 3 seed ... UNI's only 2 tournament titles were back-to-back in 2010-11 ... UNI is 21-21 all-time in the Valley Tournament. Illinois State is 22-22 all-time in the Valley Tournament

2017-18 REGULAR-SEASON MEETINGS – UNI swept the season series from Illinois State, winning 58-36 Jan. 28, holding the Redbirds to just 12 second-half points. In Cedar Falls, **Megan Maahs** scored 18 points in a 66-48 Panther win Feb. 23 ... In her first 3 seasons of college basketball, **Kennedy Kirkpatrick** sank 36 3-pointers—6 fewer than her 2017-18 total of 42. Her 2017-18 assist total is 107—just 7 less than in her first 3 seasons combined.

PANTHER POINTS – UNI is 11-2 this season when shooting a better FG Pct. than the opponent ... During UNI's current 5-game win streak, opponents are averaging just 45.2 points per game ... The Panthers have held 16 opponents under 60 points ... During the **Tanya Warren** era, the Panthers are 75-0 when holding opponents to 50 points or less ... During its current 5-game winning streak, UNI has held opponents to a .293 Field Goal Pct. (75-256) ...

REDBIRD FLIGHTS – Illinois State has held 22 teams to less than 60 points this season, the highest team total in a season since 1973-74 ... The Redbirds' opponents are scoring 54.9 points per game, the lowest since 1973-74... **Hannah Green** is No. 3 on the career Redbird blocked shot list with 133, which is No. 17 in Valley career blocks ... **Simone Goods** is averaging 16.3 points and shooting .519 (54-104) from the field over her last 9 games. Previously, she averaged 11.5 ppg and shot .406.

FIRST QUARTER RECAP – **Megan Talbot** started the scoring for Illinois State, but UNI scored the next 7 points including a 3-pointer by **Ellie Howell** and UNI led 7-2 ... **Simone Goods** entered for ILS just ahead of the 5-minute mark and scored on ILS' second possession ... Goods and Talbot both left with 2 fouls before the end of the first quarter. ISU's 5 1st-quarter points were the 2nd lowest total in a Valley Tournament game (the Redbirds scored 4 in the first quarter of a quarterfinal game with Drake last year).

SECOND QUARTER RECAP – **Mikaela Morgan** started the 2nd quarter with a 3-pointer and UNI made 6 of its first 10 shots in the quarter to take a 25-11 lead with 3:47... UNI had 3-pointers by Morgan, plus two by **Kennedy Kirkpatrick** in building the lead, which held at halftime at 7 points ... UNI added a 4th 3-pointer before halftime by **Abby Gerrits**—all 4 treys were from the left corner ... ILS was 0-9 from 3-point range in the first half ... UNI is 16-1 when leading at halftime ... Illinois State is 5-13 when trailing at halftime.

THIRD QUARTER RECAP – **Abby Gerrits** hit a pair of 3-pointers in the third quarter as UNI stretched its lead to as many as 20 points. Gerrits matched her season-high for 3 pointers with 3 ... **Paige Saylor** scored 8 of Illinois State's 12 3rd-quarter points.

FOURTH QUARTER RECAP – Both teams cleared their benches in the 4th quarter ... Illinois State's 6 4th-quarter points were the 2nd-lowest in a 4th quarter in MVC Tournament play ... UNI's 7 4th-quarter points are 3rd lowest in a 4th quarter in MVC Tournament play ... Illinois State was 0-13 from the field in the 4th quarter—all 6 points were free throws.