



2019 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament

Quarterfinal Round - Game 3

No. 1 Drake 86, No. 9 Valparaiso 58

Friday, March 15, 2019 *The TaxSlayer Center, Moline, Ill.

SERIES STANDINGS – Drake leads the series with Valparaiso 8-0, 6-0 since the Crusaders joined the Valley ... in 5 previous Valley contests, DU averages 86 ppg vs. VU.

HEAD TO HEAD IN 2019 – Drake swept Valparaiso starting with **Becca Hittner** scoring 10 of her 19 points during a 31-point 1st quarter as Drake cruised to an 84-53 win, Jan. 13 at Des Moines. **Sara Rhine** led all scorers with 21 points and Hittner had 11 rebounds as the Bulldogs won their 45th straight Valley game. **Becca Hittner** (23), **Sara Rhine** (19) and **Sammie Bachrodt** (15) combined for 57 points for Drake in a 88-62 win Feb. 8 in Valparaiso. **Grace Hales** led the Crusaders with 17 points.

TOURNAMENT TYPE – Drake is 44-23 all-time in Valley Tournament games, with 7 championships and 6 2nd-place finishes. DU is trying to join Missouri State as the only current Valley teams to win 3 or more consecutive titles ... The Bulldogs are 20-8 in quarterfinal games ... No. 1 seeds are 68-13 in the Valley Tournament, winning 20 championships—5 by Drake ... this was the 2nd Valley Tournament meeting between Drake and Valparaiso ... No. 1 seeds are 18-2 in games with No. 8 seeds ... No. 1 seeds are 7-1 in games with No. 9 seeds ... Valpo is 2-2 in its 2nd Valley Tournament. Last year, as the No. 8 seed, the Crusaders, beat Loyola 63-46 in the opening round, then lost 89-40 to No. 1 seed Drake in the quarterfinals. No. 9 seeds are 10-13 all-time in the Valley Tournament, including Evansville's 4-game run to the title in 2009 as the No. 9.

BULLDOG BITES – Drake's 26 wins are at least 26 for the 3rd straight year and 4th time in school history ... Drake is 64-1 in its last 65 games against Valley opponents, including 7 straight tournament wins ... with 18 points today, Drake's **Becca Hittner** passed Bradley's Judy Burns for 25th place on the Valley's single-season scoring list. Hittner has 614 points this season ... **Sammie Bachrodt** has 272 steals, 2 less than **Kay Riek's** Drake career record ... Ranked 21st in the AP poll, Drake is 1 of 5 teams to rank among the nation's top 10 in scoring, field goal percentage and assists, joining Notre Dame, Connecticut, Baylor and Oregon... Drake had its conference record 47-game regular-season Valley winning streak broken in an 85-79 loss to Missouri State at home on Feb. 1. The Bulldogs have won 10 straight since, by an average margin of 21.8 points ... No Drake player averages more than 26.7 minutes a game.

CRUSADER CITATIONS – Addison Stoller had her 4th career double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds ... The Crusaders hit 10 or more 3-pointers for the 13th time this season ... Valparaiso's 13 3-pointers tied for 3rd most in a Valley Tournament game ... Valparaiso finished the season No. 3 on the Valley single-season 3-point field goals made list and No. 3 on the Valley single-season 3-point field goals attempted list ... **Meredith Hamlet** completes her career as the No. 5 career scorer in VU history with 1,350 points, ranks No. 4 in 3-pointers made with 207 (8 short of No. 3 **Carrie Myers** with 215) ... The Crusaders finished the season with more points on threes (828) than on 2-pointers (810). The ratio today was 8 on 2s, 39 on 3s ... VU's 276 3-pointers made are tied for No. 6 in Valley history for a season ... with 837 3-pointers attempted, Valpo's 2018-19 team is No. 3 in Valley single-season history.

FIRST QUARTER RECAP – After Drake scored the first 2 points on free throws prior to the opening tip (administrative technical foul vs. Valpo), Addison Stoller tied the game for Valparaiso. Then, Drake went on an 18-0 run to take a 20-2 lead with 1:20 left in the quarter as VU missed 10 straight shots and committed 6 turnovers in 7:15. **Brenni Rose** scored 5 of the first 20 DU points. **Grace Hales** broke the draught with 3 free throws for VU at 1:20. Seven Drake players scored in the period. Drake is 22-2 leading after 1 quarter ... VU is 3-13 when trailing after 1 quarter.

SECOND QUARTER RECAP – VU went 10:34 without a field goal before Shay Frederick sank a 3-pointer with 9:01 left to cut the DU lead to 24-8 ... In the first 15 minutes, Valpo had 9 turnovers, DU had 7 steals and scored 11 points off those turnovers, taking a 33-11 lead ... Drake is 24-1 when leading at halftime ... VU is 1-15 when trailing at halftime.

THIRD QUARTER RECAP – In a stretch dating from the opening basket of the game, 10 straight Valparaiso field goals were 3-pointers, missing 14 straight 2-point attempts. **Ilysse Pitts** scored a layup off a steal with 0:08 left to give Valpo its second 2-point basket of the game. Valpo cut a 26-point Drake lead down to 18 by the end of the 3rd quarter ... Drake is 25-1 when leading after 3 quarters ... VU is 3-22 when trailing after 3 quarters.

FOURTH QUARTER RECAP – Leading 62-44 at the end of the 3rd quarter, Drake opened with a 7-0 run before Allison Schofield scored Valpo's 3rd 2-pointer of the game to slice the lead to 69-47 at 8:00. Drake's biggest lead was 34.