



2019 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament

Championship - Game 9

No. 2 Missouri State 94, No. 1 Drake 79

Sunday, March 17, 2019 *The TaxSlayer Center, Moline, Ill.

SERIES STANDINGS – Drake leads the series 44-43, and has won 5 of the last 7 meetings. In Valley Tournament games, In the Valley Tournament, MSU has a 10-5 lead in head-to-heads with the Bulldogs.

RECORD SCORES – This was the highest-scoring Valley Tournament game in history (173), and MSU's 94 points were the most by a team in a championship game, tied for No. 2 in Valley Tournament history.

HEAD TO HEAD IN 2019 – **Danielle Gitzen's** 21 points and 10 rebounds led the way as Missouri State overcame a 10-point deficit after 3 quarters to end Drake's 47-game conference win streak, 85-79, Feb. 1 in Des Moines. The Bears took sole possession of 1st place in the Valley because of a 15-2 spurt in the first 2:30 of the 4th quarter which put MSU in the lead to stay. **Becca Hittner** had 22 of her career-high 37 points in the 2nd half ... **Sara Rhine** scored 16 of her game-high 19 points in the 1st half as Drake rode a 41-23 halftime advantage to a 70-61 win March 3 in Springfield. DU led by 21 early in the 3rd quarter, but MSU rallied within 63-59 with 1:00 left before the Bulldogs knocked down 7 free throws at the end to win it.

TOURNAMENT TYPE – Drake is 45-24 all-time in Valley Tournament games, with 7 championships and 7 2nd-place finishes. The Bulldogs are 19-2 as a No. 1 seed in the Valley Tournament ... No. 1 seeds are 69-14 in the Valley Tournament, winning 20 championships—5 by Drake ... MSU is 46-21 all-time in Valley Tournament games, winning 11 titles and finishing 2nd 5 times. MSU is 9-3 as a No. 2 seed, winning the 2000 title as a No. 2. In tournament history, No. 2 seeds are 38-28 with 3 total championships ...

BULLDOG BITES – Drake had 14 3-pointers vs. MSU are No. 3 for a Valley Tournament game ... Drake's 32 treys for the tournament tie for No. 2 for a full tournament ... Drake had 19 assists on 24 baskets today after having assists on 17 of 18 field goals against Illinois State ... Drake is 65-2 in its last 67 games against Valley opponents ... with 18 points against Valparaiso, Drake's **Becca Hittner** passed Bradley's Judy Burns for 25th place on the Valley's single-season scoring list. Hittner has 652 points this season, No. 16 on the Missouri Valley season scoring list ... **Sammie Bachrodt** has 280 steals, passing **Kay Riek** for the Drake career record. She is 14th on the Valley career list ... **Sammie Bachrodt** had 7 assists, giving her 389 in her career, tied for 8th in Drake history.

LADY BEAR LINES – **Alexa Willard** scored a career-high 30 points ... **Sydney Manning's** 14 points matched her career high ... MSU's 94 points are tied for No. 2 in a Valley Tournament game ... MSU broke the MVC Tournament single-quarter record with 35 points in the 2nd quarter vs. UNI and the 89 points tied for 7th in MVC Tournament history. The 35 2nd-quarter points are a Lady Bear record for points in a quarter in any game ... **Jasmine Franklin**, who matched her career-high with 14 rebounds vs. UNI, is the first Lady Bear in history with 40 blocks and 40 steals in the same season. She has 44 blocks and 49 steals. ... **Danielle Gitzen** has made 27 of her last 32 free throws ... at least 8 MSU players have scored in all but 3 games this season.

FIRST QUARTER RECAP – **Sammie Bachrodt** hit 4-4 3-pointers in the first 4:13 (a 5th Bachrodt trey swished in, but was disallowed because of a team control foul against Drake). DU led 15-8 before **Alexa Willard** and **Emily Gartner** made 2 shots each to give MSU a 16-15 lead ... MSU took a 21-19 lead when Sydney Manning hit a 3-pointer and then a 2-pointer with 0:29 left, but **Becca Hittner** drained a trey from the right corner to give DU a 22-21 lead at the break. That snapped a 5:48 field goal-less streak for DU. All 6 Drake baskets were 3-pointers ... Drake is 24-3 when leading after 1 quarter ... MSU is 7-8 when trailing after 1 quarter.

SECOND QUARTER RECAP – Drake's first 8 baskets were 3-pointers before **Brenni Rose** hit a back-door layup with 7:09 left in the half ... There were 5 lead changes and 3 ties in the 2nd quarter before Brice Calip hit a bucket-and-one with 0:45 left and **Sydney Manning** hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give MSU a 42-35 lead. DU's **Sara Rhine**, the Valley's No. 2 scorer, did not have a shot in the first half ... Drake is 2-4 when trailing at halftime ... MSU is 19-1 when leading at halftime.

THIRD QUARTER RECAP – **Alexa Willard** had 15 points in the quarter to help MSU top DU 26-12 to take a 68-47 lead into the 4th quarter ... With MSU hitting 5-8 3-pointers, the Lady Bears finished the period on a 15-2 run ... **Sara Rhine**, shotless in the first half, scored 9 of Drake's first 12 points in the 3rd quarter. Drake had 5 baskets and 9 turnovers in the quarter ... Drake is 2-5 when trailing after 3 quarters ... MSU is 22-2 when leading after 3 quarters.

FOURTH QUARTER RECAP – Drake scored the first 9 points of the quarter to slice the MSU lead to 68-56 before **Brice Calip** hit a short jumper to stop the run ... The Bulldogs got as close as 9 points, but MSU made 17-22 free throws in the 4th quarter ... Drake scored 32 points in the 4th quarter, the third highest single-quarter score in Valley Tournament history.