



**2013 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Basketball Championship
Game 3 – First Round - #3 Belmont Univ. 62, #6 SIU-Edwardsville 45
March 7, 2013 – Municipal Auditorium (Nashville, Tenn.)**

Post-Game Quotes

SIU-Edwardsville head coach Paula Buscher

"It might have been a little frustrating game for us. We just didn't quite shoot the ball as well as we're used to shooting the ball and that makes it a little bit tough. I'm really proud of this team, the fight that we have out there. I think you saw it until the buzzer went off, fight and keep playing. I think that's how you play the game and that's how we're going to build a great program. I've got nothing but respect for our senior class that laid this foundation. Now it's up to the young 'uns to step up and take over with it.

"In the game of basketball you have to control what you can control and we, unfortunately tonight, didn't take as much control over what we needed to do offensively. I thought we battled defensively. I know [Belmont] got loose on some late and loose on some early, but when you're double-teaming and taking chances that will happen. I think we held a very good Belmont team to 62 points and they hit seven three's, so that's pretty darn good defense. It really amounted to we didn't put the ball in the hole as many times as we needed to."

On Belmont's defensive pressure

"I thought Belmont did a great job. I thought they shut down our primary moves. We had to go to some counter moves. We weren't as successful with that. You've got to give them a lot of credit for what they did defensively and I thought they were pretty locked in on the defensive end tonight."

On Belmont making 3-pointers early in the game

"How I decided to play early in the game, we probably let them get a little bit hot. We didn't expect them to come in and drop so many three's early in the game. We figured they would have some, but then we had to change a little bit defensively but that was really based on giving them credit for what they did."

SIU-Edwardsville senior Raven Berry

"They did a pretty good job not allowing me to catch the ball and coming and trapping me down low, taking away my primary moves. You have to give props to them because they did a great job."

SIU-Edwardsville junior Jasmin Hill

"It's going to mean so much more. Of course we didn't want to lose tonight; we wanted to keep fighting and play another day. But it's going to mean so much more. We're going to have so much more to fight for because our seniors laid such a foundation for us and we owe it to them to advance and do our best and try to win [the tournament] next year."

Belmont head coach Brittney Ezell

"We're very fortunate to come away with a win against a very hot SIUE team. Paula in her first year has done tremendous things with that team. The way they progressed throughout the season was really fun to watch as a fellow first year coach, so give her a lot of credit and give her team a lot of credit. They fought us until the last second. We knew it was going to be a grind but we are very fortunate to win."

"I think looking at Adrienne Tarrence, you're seeing an all-conference performer for the next two years. We have to get Adrienne Tarrence to believe that. She's one of the most naturally gifted kids I've ever coached. She's fast, she's explosive, she understands the game. Her teammates love playing with her. She's quite capable of being able to handle a ballgame down the stretch. For a sophomore to do what she did, go perfect from the line, bailed us out on two shot clock violations, hit two tough shots out and did it all with a smile on her face. Those are the kind of kids that you want to coach. I'm happy for her, I'm happy for her family because she's put in the work to get herself here."

Belmont senior Alyssa Visbeen

"It's one of those things that I like to step out and shoot three's if it's open. Our team made great passes and great looks. It was good to hit a couple and I think it really got us going. It was exciting, you have a lot of excitement in a conference tournament and the first team to really get going is really in an advantage. I was happy that our team stepped up and took that challenge."

"Honestly, my mindset going into this game was all defensive. We know Raven Berry was a really good player overall, she's a first-team all-conference, averages a double-double. She's a great player. So that was my challenge to shut her down as much as I could. We always say our defense fuels our offense. If we get stops on the defensive end it will turn into points on the offensive end."

Belmont sophomore Adrienne Tarrence

"I feel like our defense really fueled our offensive game. I was able to get momentum off of that and we got a lot of points in transition, which is my favorite thing to do. I thought that helped us a lot."

Post-Game Notes

Belmont improves to 18-12 overall this season and advances to take on second-seeded Tennessee Tech at 2 p.m. on Friday in the semifinals of the OVC Tournament. The Golden Eagles on both meetings this season between the clubs, taking a 58-52 decision in Cookeville on January 5 and a 67-62 victory in Nashville on February 2.

Belmont won both games this season against SIU-Edwardsville, including a 66-52 decision in Nashville on December 29 in the conference opener for both teams. The games this season are the only two contests between the two schools.

Belmont senior Jordan Coleman grabbed 10 rebounds in the contest, her 18th double-figure rebounding game of the season. It also moved Coleman into third place on the single-season rebounding charts in the Division I era for the Bruins with 296.

Belmont held SIUE to just 22 percent shooting from the field in the game, including 18 percent in the first half. The Bruins entered the contest ranked 21st nationally in field goal percentage defense at .348.

Belmont sophomore Adrienne Tarrence netted a team-best 14 points off the bench, just her third double-figure scoring game of the season and first since February 4 versus Morehead State. She was also a perfect 6-for-6 at the foul line, her second most free throw and free throw attempts in a game this season.

SIU-Edwardsville entered this week's games ranked 12th in the nation in rebounding margin at +8.4. The Cougars won the battle of the boards, 47-38, including 26 offensive rebounds, which led to 16 second-chance points.

SIU-Edwardsville shot a season-low 22 percent in the game, including 18 percent in the first half. The previous worst shooting contest this season was a 25 percent showing versus Austin Peay on February 16.

SIU-Edwardsville senior Raven Berry posted 10 points and 12 rebounds in the contest, her 14th double-double this season and 15th double-digit rebounding game of the year. She averages 12 boards per game over the final 12 outings of the season.

SIU-Edwardsville sophomore Tierny Austin pulled down 10 rebounds in the game, her fourth double-figure rebounding game of the year and fourth time in the final 11 contests of the season.

SIU-Edwardsville junior Jasmin Hill netted 10 points in the contest and scored 10 points in both games in the OVC Tournament. It marked the ninth time this season she has scored double figures.