



State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament

Post-Game Notes

First Round

Drake 101, Evansville 96, overtime

Thursday, March 1, 2007

The Teams

This was the 12th overtime game in MVC Tournament history and the first for either Drake or Evansville...Drake, which has won four of its last five games, improves to 17-14 for the best record at the school since the 1986-87 team, under coach Gary Garner, also went 17-14...Evansville, which suffered its third

straight loss, falls to 14-17...Drake improves its MVC Tournament record to 11-28, including a 5-5 record in play-in round games...Drake advances to quarterfinal round of MVC Tournament for first time since beating Evansville, 82-68, in 2005...Drake also improves record to 2-0 in play-in round games as the No. 9 seed...The Purple Aces fall to 4-13 in MVC Tournament games, including an 0-2 mark against Drake...The Bulldogs have beaten Evansville six of the last eight games, reducing the Purple Aces' lead in the series to 15-12...Drake is 1-1 in overtime this season while Evansville is 0-1...Dr. Tom Davis, the sixth-winningest active coach in Division I, collected his 598th career win...Davis is now 7-5 in overtime in charge of the Bulldogs...Evansville is 2-10 when trailing at halftime...Drake is the first team to reach the century mark in scoring in an MVC Tournament game since Bradley defeated Creighton 101-77 in a 1988 semifinal...Drake had its third-highest scoring half of the season with 51 points in the opening 20 minutes...Evansville scored a season-high 96 points, the second-highest total for a losing team in MVC Tournament history, and eclipsed their previous best of 80 vs Lipscomb on December 16...Evansville produced its highest point total in 86 games, dating back to a season-opening 100-85 victory over Central Michigan in the 2004-05 season...The Purple Aces' eight turnovers tonight were their second fewest of the season, their low being four against Lipscomb...Drake made a MVC Tournament record 15 three-pointers, surpassing Wichita State's 14 against Bradley in a 70-66 quarterfinal win, March 8, 2003...Drake tied a season-high 10 three-point goals – IN THE FIRST HALF - equaling the 10 treys DU had made on three previous occasions...The Bulldogs' 10 treys is the second-highest single-half total in school history...Drake had the two highest rebounding games of the year surrendered by Evansville, 41 tonight and 40 on February 21.

Game Highlights

Evansville, after having its first shot blocked, made three consecutive three-point shots to take a 9-2 lead and extended the lead to 15-8...Drake answered with a 19-5 run to take a 27-20 lead at the 10:55 mark...The Bulldogs went on to make their first eight three-point attempts of the game to extend their lead to 37-29...After opening the game by making one of their first six shots, the Bulldogs made 13 consecutive field-goal attempts, including eight treys...Drake led 68-61 with 11:45 left in the game when Evansville replied with a 6-0 run over 1:29 to cut the lead to 68-67...The second half meandered, Drake leading all the way but by no more than eight points, and 80-72 on a Josh Young trey with 6:44 left...Evansville's Matt Webster scored eight straight points to lift his team into an 86-86 tie with 2:41 left in regulation...Shy Ely's lay-up with 1:19 left in regulation gave Evansville its first lead since being ahead 20-19 with 12:11 left in the first half...Drake's Nick Grant tied it 88-88 on a dunk with 37 seconds left. Webster, who had made his previous eight straight free throws, missed two with 5.5 seconds left, and then Kyle Anslinger's missed trey in the final two seconds forced overtime.

Drake Player Plaudits

Klayton Korver made five three-point baskets and now has 153 in his career, pushing him past Lynnrick Rogers (1993-97) and B.J. Windhorst (1994-96), who had 151, and into fourth on the school list...Leonard Houston recorded out a career-high six assists, including five in the first nine minutes. Houston had three previous games of three assists...Al Stewart made his first three-pointer of the year with 19 seconds left in the first half, having missed seven previous three-point attempts this season. He made another with 7:35 left in the game. Stewart's eight assists lifted his career total to 316 moving into sixth place on the school career assists list, surpassing Terry Youngbauer (1979-83) who had 315...Josh Young scored a career-high 23 points, bettering the 19 he tallied on three prior occasions...Nick Grant made six free throws, giving him 150 for the season, sixth-most in school history...Ajay Calvin played a team season-high 42 minutes.

Evansville Player Plaudits

Evansville's Matt Webster moved into No. 11 on the school career scoring list with a game-leading 29 points to raise his total to 1,451, surpassing Don Buse, who scored 1,426...Webster had his eighth 20-point effort of the season...Evansville's Jason Holsinger made an MVC Tournament record-tying eight three-pointers, equaling an MVC Tournament standard achieved three times before, and increased his career total to 156, moving past Todd Cochenour (1991-94) into ninth place on the school career list...Holsinger, whose eight treys tied a career high set February 21 vs. Drake, had the second-highest scoring game of his career with 26 points.