



State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament

Post-Game Notes

Quarterfinal Round

Creighton 59, Indiana State 38

Friday, March 2, 2007

MVC TOURNAMENT NOTES: The 21-point victory margin by Creighton equaled the sixth widest victory margin in the 137 games played in the MVC Tournament since it came to St. Louis in 1991..The 38 points scored by Indiana State also were the fewest scored by a team in MVC Tournament history, bettering the previous mark of 41 by Missouri State in a 2001 quarterfinal round game against Creighton which scored 63 points in the game.

CREIGHTON NOTES: The Bluejays, winning their second straight game, improve record to 20-10 while enjoying eighth straight 20-plus victory season...Creighton also moves to 32-16 in MVC Tournaments, including a 14-2 mark as a No. 2 seed as well as 14-11 record in quarterfinal round games...This also marked the seventh time in nine years (exceptions were 2004, 2006) that Creighton has advanced to the semifinal round...**Dana Altman** also earned his 17th MVC Tournament victory, tying former Southern Illinois coach Rich Herrin for most all-time coaching wins in tourney history...The 38 points by Indiana State were the fewest allowed by a Creighton team since Jan. 13, 1986 when the Bluejays suffered a 35-34 home loss to Illinois State.

Player Plaudits – Nate Funk, who played only 26 minutes, scored a game-high 14 points while enjoying his 21st consecutive double-figure scoring game..**Anthony Tolliver** moved into No. 15 on the MVC career blocked shot list with 135, surpassing Mike VandeGarde of Illinois State who had 134 from 1990-94...Reserve guard **Nick Bahe**'s eight points was his highest scoring output in last 11 games. But he committed a career-high four turnovers...Freshman **Isacc Miles** had nine points - all in the first half, surpassing his entire game production of six in the two previous meetings against Indiana State this season. Miles tied a career high with five rebounds.

INDIANA STATE NOTES: Indiana State, which dropped seven of its last eight games, closes out season with 13-18 record...The Sycamores fall to 16-25 in MVC Tournament games, including 5-20 mark in quarterfinal round...Besides being held to a season-low 38 points, the Sycamores' final point production was their lowest total in the MVC Tournament, eclipsing previous low mark of 49 in 2005 MVC Tournament quarterfinal round loss to Southern Illinois. (54-49)...Indiana State had its second-lowest scoring half of the season with 20 points in the first 20 minutes...the Sycamores tallied just 19 points in the first half at Southern Illinois Jan. 31.

Player Plaudits – Adam Arnold, enjoying his third straight double-figure scoring game, led Sycamores with 10 points

Second Half – The Bluejays made four of their first five shots to push their lead to 20 points, 42-22, at the 16:28 mark. Indiana State continued to struggle from floor, shooting just 22.2 percent in the second half (4-18)...Creighton's starting lineup did not play the final 5:39 of the game.

First Half - Trailing 17-15, Creighton closed out the first half with a 17-3 run in the last 7:37. The Bluejays made 6 of their last 11 shots during the stretch with Nate Funk scoring eight points and freshman Isacc Miles netting six on consecutive three-point baskets. Indiana State made just one of its last eight shots to close out the half. Creighton's guards (Miles-9, Nate Funk-12, Nick Porter-5, Josh Dotzler-2) combined to score 28 of Creighton's 32 points. Indiana State's 24 percent shooting (6-25) in the opening half was its third-worst shooting effort in one half this season. Trent Wurtz (16 pts) and Jay Tunnell (13 pts), who combined to score 29 points in teams' last meeting January 29 in Omaha were held to combined total of three points in first half tonight (Wurtz 3, Tunnell 0).