

# 2010 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Men's Basketball Tournament

Game 3, Quarterfinals, Fri., March 5, 12:05 p.m., St. Louis, Mo. (Scottrade Center): #1 UNI (55), #8 Drake (40)

**UNI Notes . . .** Top-seeded UNI's 55-40 win over eighth-seeded Drake in the Panthers' tourney opener moves UNI to Saturday's 1:35 p.m. semifinal game against the winner of #4 Creighton vs. #5 Bradley. Coach Ben Jacobson is 85-38 in his fourth year at UNI and overall as a college head coach, and is 5-2 in MVC tourney play. The win moves UNI to 26-4 for the season with its fourth straight tourney win after capturing last year's meet here. The Panthers swept Drake 3-0 this season and hiked their all-time series lead to 33-23 against DU. UNI is now 14-15 in MVC tourney play and 2-2 in the MVC vs. Drake. Today's win is the seventh in a row for #1 seeds in the tourney.

UNI's 26 wins extends its own season win mark from four different previous seasons of 23 wins. In UNI's last four MVC tourney games, the Panthers have been tied or trailing by one point at halftime in three games. MVC Player of the Year Adam Koch played in his 127<sup>th</sup> career game, one away from the UNI record held by Eric Coleman. UNI is 21-1 when its foes score under 60 points. It is also the 16<sup>th</sup> time a Ben Jacobson UNI team has held a foe under 50 points. UNI is 15-1 in those games. UNI extended its No. 2 rank in NCAA Div. I scoring defense. In 19 games vs. MVC foes this season, UNI has allowed 56 or fewer points 15 times and today was the fewest points allowed by UNI in a game this season. The Panthers outscored Drake 26-6 in the paint.

**Drake Notes . . .** Drake closes its season with a 14-19 record and the Bulldogs are 15-31 all-time in the MVC meet. Coach Mark Phelps is now 31-35 in his second year at Drake and overall as a college head coach.

The Bulldogs were even 13-13 on the boards at halftime after trailing UNI by 11 and 13 in total rebounds in the first two meetings between the teams. DU senior Josh Young hit two free throws in the game to extend the DU career record he broke vs. SIU Thursday night. Young now has 442 career FTs. Young also extended his Drake career record point total to 1,789 with a team-high 9 points today and his DU career record for 3-pointers to 255 with 1 today. Freshman Seth VanDeest hit 4/4 free throws to extend his DU season record for free throws made by a freshman and pushed his season total to 84. Drake's 20:58 scoring drought (7:57 first half to 6:59 second half) is the longest stretch without a FG in school history, topping a 12:04 drought vs. Creighton 2/26/96. Drake's 40 points equals the second fewest in an MVC tourney game. DU had no double-figure scorers. Drake started today 4/6 from three but was 2/13 the rest of the way to finish 6/19 from long range. Adam Templeton, DU's third-leading scorer, didn't attempt a shot in the second half. DU hit 10 of its first 15 shots (.667) overall in the game but only 3 of 25 (.120) thereafter.

**First Half . . .** After the two teams swapped early baskets with one tie and five lead changes, DU erased a 9-8 deficit with a 9-0 run on three treys (15:19 to 12:15) for a 17-9 lead with 12 minutes left before UNI scored to stop the run. Drake extended its lead to 11 at 24-13 with 7:57 to play before UNI scored the last 10 points of the first half to trail by one, 24-23, at halftime. DU was 0/8 from the floor in being blanked in those 7:57. Five different Panthers scored in UNI's 10-0 run. It marked the third time in three meetings with UNI that Drake had 24 points at the half but the first time in those games the Bulldogs had led. The Bulldogs trailed 32-24 Jan. 27 at UNI and trailed 28-24 Feb. 10 at Drake. UNI was 1/10 shooting threes and 9/14 shooting twos the first half. UNI is 5-1 when trailing at the half and Drake is 11-6 when ahead at the half.

**Second Half . . .** UNI got a bucket from Jordan Eglseider a minute into the second half to put the Panthers on top for the first time since the 15:43 mark of the first half (7-6) at 25-24. Johnny Moran added a three to extend the overall UNI run to 15-0 at 18:09 before Drake ended the run at the 16:57 mark with two Seth VanDeest free throws to snap an 11-minute DU point drought. Moran's three came after 19 minutes and eight misses without a trey for UNI. Ali Farokhmanesh hit two more threes for a 21- 2 UNI run and a 34-26 lead at the 16-minute media time out. Moran hit a reverse layup, Lucas O'Rear got two free throws and Kwadzo Ahelegbe scored to make it 40-26 at the 12-minute media time out with UNI on a 17-2 run this half and 27-2 for the game. Craig Stanley hit a free throw with 8:52 to play, ending an 8:05 Drake scoring drought. Ryan Wedel hit a three with 6:59 left in the game, DU's first FG in 9 tries this half and 17 for the game (plus 4 TO's) . It ended a string of 20:52 minutes for Drake without a basket. UNI finished with a 32-16 second half scoring bulge as Drake matched the eighth fewest points in an MVC tourney game half. Drake was 3/16 (.167) over in second half shooting, the fourth lowest FG% in an MVC tourney half. The two-team total of 95 points is the second lowest total for an MVC tourney game. (low was 90 in 50-40 Creighton win over Bradley in 1984 quarterfinals.