

2007 STATE FARM MVC TOURNAMENT

GAME 5 – Illinois State 75, Bradley 60

Quarterfinal Round

Friday, March 10, 2007

Knapp Center, Des Moines, Iowa

ILLINOIS STATE NOTES: The Redbirds, who have won four of their last five games, improved to 21-9 while advancing to the semifinal round for the third straight year. Illinois State's MVC Tournament record improves to 15-13, including a 2-0 record against Bradley. The Redbirds hit 10 three-point baskets, marking the seventh time they reached double figures in that category this season.

PLAYER NOTES: Senior guard **Megan McCracken**, who had scored a combined 18 points in the previous two games this season against Bradley, had a team-high 20 points, including six three-point baskets to pace the Redbirds. **Kenyatta Shelton** enjoyed her seventh double-figure rebound game of the season with a game-high 10 boards.

BRADLEY NOTES: The Braves, who suffered their fourth loss in the last five games, closed out the season with a 12-19 record. Bradley's MVC Tournament record slipped to 2-16, including a 0-2 mark against Illinois State.

PLAYER NOTES: Senior **Ashley Chelleen** closed out her collegiate career with a career-high 23 points, including 14 points in the second half. Guard **Erika Nelson**, who scored 22 points in the first meeting against Illinois State this season, scored added 19 points including game-high 11 points in the first half. Senior guard **Jen Brown** dished out a season-high nine assists. Forward **Amy Peters**, who had scored 27 points in the two previous games against Illinois State this season, was held scoreless in the first half before finishing with five points.

FIRST HALF RECAP: The lead changed hands three times before a three-point basket by Ashley Chelleen powered Bradley to a 33-32 halftime lead. The Redbirds used a 7-0 run to turn a 10-9 lead into a 17-9 advantage following a basket by Kenyatta Shelton with 14:11 left in the first half.

SECOND HALF RECAP: The Redbirds went on a 12-3 run to expand a 48-40 lead into 60-43 with junior reserve guard **Tiffany Hudson** scoring seven points during the surge. Illinois State shot a sizzling 62.5 percent in the second half, making 15 of 24 shots while holding Bradley to just 33.3 percent shooting (9-27) in the same period.