

2007 STATE FARM MVC TOURNAMENT

GAME 4 – Evansville 58, Northern Iowa 57

Quarterfinal Round

Friday, March 10, 2007

Knapp Center, Des Moines, Iowa

EVANSVILLE NOTES: The Purple Aces, who won their third straight game, improved to 19-11, while advancing to the semifinal round of the MVC Tournament for the second straight year. Evansville improved its MVC Tournament record to 8-5, including a 2-1 mark against Northern Iowa.

Evansville shot a sizzling 65 percent (13-20) from the floor in the second half.

PLAYER NOTES: Junior guard **Rebecca Parker** tied a career high with 26 points, including 24 in the second half, making six of eight shots from the floor while hitting 10 of 12 free throws. Parker moved into No. 10 on school career rebounding list at 453 surpassing Olivia Grant (2002-06, 452). Parker also moved into No. 6 on the school career steals chart at 147.

NORTHERN IOWA NOTES: The Panthers, who had a two-game winning streak snapped, slipped to 17-13. UNI's MVC Tournament record fell to 6-12 including a 1-2 record against Evansville. This marked the first time since 2002 that the Panthers did not advance to the semifinal round of the MVC Tournament.

The Panthers were 14-3 this season when leading at halftime.

PLAYER NOTES: Senior **Tara King** enjoyed her 13th 20-plus scoring game of season with 30 points, including 18 in the second half. It also was King's third 30-plus scoring game of season and second in the last three games.

FIRST HALF-RECAP: Northern Iowa opened the game with a 17-2 run to grab a 17-6 lead and was never threatened. After Evansville pulled with 19-11, the Panthers enjoyed their biggest lead of the game at 30-13 following an 11-2 run. **Tara King** led the Panthers with 12 points, hitting five of eight shots. Evansville shot just 29.6 percent in the first half, making only eight of 27 shots.

SECOND HALF RECAP: **Rebekah Parker** sank two free throws with 1.7 seconds left to lift Evansville to a 58-57 victory. The Panthers had an opportunity to expand on a 57-56 lead but **Traci Ollendieck** missed two free throws with 11 seconds left.

Parker, held to just two points (1 of 4 from floor) in the first half, scored eight points in a four minute span to trigger a 19-3 run that allowed Evansville to turn a 36-20 deficit into a 39-39 deadlock with 11:40 left.

Parker's basket with 4:01 left gave Evansville a 53-51 lead with 4:01 left before **Tara King** scored four straight points to give UNI a 55-53 lead with 3:01 remaining..