

**2007 STATE FARM MVC TOURNAMENT**  
**Semifinal Round – Drake 61, Evansville 58**  
**Saturday, March 10, 2007**  
**Knapp Center, Des Moines, Iowa**

**MVC TOURNAMENT NOTES:** This marks the second time in the last three years a No. 8 seed has advanced to the championship of the MVC Tournament. Drake joins Illinois State, which won the 2005 MVC Tournament, as a No. 8 seed as well as host school in reaching the championship. This also marks the fourth straight year that the host school has advanced to the championship of the MVC Tournament.

**DRAKE NOTES:** The Bulldogs, who won their third straight game, improved to 13-18, while advancing to the championship of the MVC Tournament for the first time since 2004 and eighth time overall (others were 1995, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002). Drake also improved its MVC Tournament record to 25-14, including an 8-7 record in the semifinal round and a 2-0 mark against Evansville in the MVC Tournament.

Drake improved to 38-9 under coach Amy Stephens while holding opponents less than 60 points.

**DRAKE PLAYER NOTES:** Junior guard **Lindsay Whorton** led Drake with 18 points, including 15 in the second half. Sophomore forward **Kelsey Keizer** enjoyed her third career double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Whorton made four three-point baskets, giving her 11 for the tournament.

**EVANSVILLE NOTES:** The Purple Aces, who had a three-game winning streak snapped, fell to 19-12 while losing in the semifinal round of the MVC Tournament for the second straight year. Evansville's MVC Tournament record fell to 8-6 including an 0-2 mark against Drake. Evansville's reserves outscored Drake, 32-4.

**EVANSVILLE PLAYER NOTES:** **Laura Gaybrick** scored a career-high 21 points. **Rebekah Parker** added 19 points and seven rebounds, while moving into ninth on the school career rebounding charts with 500. Guard **Courtney Felke** tied a career high with eight assists.

**FIRST HALF RECAP:** Evansville survived a 14-0 start by Drake to battle back into a 28-28 tie at halftime. The Purple Aces missed their first nine shots from the floor, while watching Drake end the first half by making only one of their last nine shots.

Evansville junior guard Rebekah Parker, who is averaging 26.0 points in the MVC Tournament, was held to seven points in the first half, making one of two shots from the floor. Drake junior guard Lindsay Whorton, who was averaging 19.5 points in the tournament, also was held in check, scoring just three points, making one of two shots

Two free throws by Rebekah Parker with 1:27 left tied the game at 26-26. Evansville's bench outscored Drake, 15-0. Reserve Laura Gaybrick helped fuel Evansville's comeback with 10 points, hitting four of six shots. Evansville scored eight second-chance points compared to two by Drake.

**SECOND HALF RECAP:** Lindsay Whorton, held to just three points in the first half, keyed an 8-0 run with consecutive three-point baskets that turned a 46-46 tie into a 54-46 lead the Bulldogs never relinquished. Whorton scored 11 points in the last 5:56 of the game.