

2007 STATE FARM MVC TOURNAMENT
Quarterfinal Round – Creighton 69, Indiana State 65
Friday, March 10, 2007
Knapp Center, Des Moines, Iowa

CREIGHTON NOTES: The Bluejays, who snapped a two-game losing streak, improved to 12-18, while advancing to the semifinal round of the MVC Tournament for the fifth time but first time since 2003. Creighton improved its MVC Tournament record to 13-13, including a 4-1 record against Indiana State. Creighton tied a season high with 15 steals. The Bluejays overcame their biggest deficit of the season en route to the win.

PLAYER NOTES: Freshman forward **Sam Schuett** led a balanced attack with a career-high 22 points, including 15 in the second half. She had scored a combined 16 (13,3) points in two previous games against Indiana State this season. Freshman forward **Megan Neuvirth** added 12 points and eight rebounds. Schuett (seven) and Neuvirth (eight) combined for 15 rebounds. The duo each had five steals apiece.

INDIANA STATE NOTES: Indiana State, which had a seven-game winning streak snapped, fell to 19-11. The Sycamores saw their MVC Tournament record fall to 9-14 including a 1-4 record against Indiana State.

The Sycamores shot just 24 percent from the floor in the second half, hitting six of 25 shots. Indiana State also committed 21 turnovers with Creighton scoring 25 points off the miscues.

PLAYER NOTES: Freshman guard **Kelsey Luna** led Indiana State with 23 points, including 16 in the first half. Luna moved into second on the career three-point basket list with 79, surpassing Lisa Verhoff. Junior center **Laura Rudolphi** added 14 points, while senior center **Rachel Maenpaa** had 10 points and a team-high seven rebounds. Junior guard **Angela Phillips** moved into No 8 on the school career assists list at 159. But she committed seven turnovers, including six in the second half.

FIRST HALF-RECAP: After a jumper by **Sara Cain** gave Creighton a 2-0 lead, Indiana State went on a 23-4 run in the next 6 minutes 14 seconds to grab a 23-6 cushion. Guard **Kelsey Luna** scored eight points to trigger the surge en route to a 16-point first half effort. Luna made six of seven shots from the floor, including four of five from beyond the three-point arc. Indiana State shot a blistering 70.4 percent from the floor in the first half, making 19 of 27 shots.

SECOND HALF RECAP: After trailing 51-32, Creighton went on a 31-12 run to tie the game at 63-63 on a jumper from the left baseline by **Megan Neuvirth** with 1:46 left. Following a steal by teammate **Sam Schuett**, reserve guard **Chevelle Herring** sank two free throws with 57.9 seconds left to give Creighton a 65-63 lead. A jumper by Indiana State's **Kelsey Luna** tied the game at 65-65 with 42.7 seconds left.

But Creighton capped its dramatic comeback by scoring the last four points of the game. A basket by Schuett with 21.5 seconds left gave the Bluejays a 67-65 lead and then Neuvirth stole an Indiana State pass. Two free throws by **Ally Thrall** with 6.6 seconds left sealed the victory for Creighton.