

2007 Missouri Valley Conference Women's Tournament
Creighton Indiana State
Quarterfinal Round
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Knapp Center, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

Indiana State head coach Jim Wiedie: "I don't think I've ever been part of a game that we've been as inept on offense and defense at the same time, especially because we are so good at both ends of the floor. Give credit to Creighton, I told my team at halftime they aren't going to give up."

"Jim (Flanery) does a heck of job, I take responsibility for the demeanor of my team in the second half, as it got more frustrating, I became more frustrated and upset. My staff was getting on me about it saying I should be a cheerleader and I wasn't. When things aren't going well, it's the head coaches' job to calm things down and set the tone, and I put my team in a bad position."

"We came out with some make able baskets right out of the gate in the second half, with about 10 minutes you could begin to sense the momentum shift."

"We can't afford to have Rachel (Maenpaa) and Laura (Rudolphi) out of the game for extended periods of time, especially at the same time."

"We like to play at a fast pace and when we slow it down I don't think that benefits us."

Indiana State player Laura Rudolphi: "I think we lost our intensity on both ends of the court. Post defense was a problem, they were able to get the ball inside whenever they wanted and we weren't able to box out."

Indiana State player Kelsey Luna: "I don't think there was any sense of panic, things just didn't happen for us tonight."

"Our approach at halftime was to continue to be aggressive and look for our shots."

Creighton head coach Jim Flanery: “I’m as proud of our effort in that game as any game I’ve been a part of. When you have a young team and things go the way they did in the first half it would’ve been easy to rollover and we haven’t had a lot of success in this building, I’m proud of everybody.”

“Ally is the heart of our team and I can’t tell you how many times I heard her talking to her teammates and exhorting them, keeping them positive and those things go unnoticed. It was tremendous show of unity.”

“Indiana State is a high-octane team. I felt like we weren’t out of it, I didn’t think we’d win the game with under 70 points, having given up 47 in the first half.”

“Even though we weren’t chipping away at the lead, I felt fairly confident that there would be a point where we could get some shots to go down and we talked about that.”

“In the second half we got great shots all over the board but we went through periods where we didn’t shoot the ball really well.”

Creighton player Ally Thrall: “I think in the first half they were shooting unconscious and in the second half that was our main focus.”

“We really tried to pick it up on the defensive end and realize that if we contain them on that end of the floor that our shots would start falling.”

“I think we had a different attitude that half and just looking at everyone’s eyes we told each other we weren’t going to lose that game and I think that is what made the difference.”

“I knew when we cut it even, that we wouldn’t look back from that point.”

Creighton Player Sam Schuett: “I think we came in after halftime, even though we were down, we believed we could win the whole time, it was just a matter of getting stops.”

“I think we had a game plan from the beginning, but it was just a matter of getting to spots faster, making plays we weren’t making first half and getting stops.”