

2007 STATE FARM MVC TOURNAMENT
Quarterfinal Round – Drake 59, Southern Illinois 47
Friday, March 10, 2007
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MVC TOURNAMENT NOTES: This marked the second time in the last three years that the No. 1 seed was eliminated in the quarterfinal round of the MVC Tournament. No. 8 seeded Illinois State upset No. 1 seeded Missouri State, 61-47, in the 2005 MVC Tournament in Normal, Ill.

DRAKE NOTES: The Bulldogs, who won their second straight game, improved to 12-18, while advancing to the semifinal round of the MVC Tournament for the first time since 2005. Drake also improved its MVC Tournament record to 24-14, including a 12-4 record in the quarterfinal round and a 5-2 mark against the Salukis in the MVC Tournament.

Drake improved to 37-9 under coach Amy Stephens while holding opponents under 60 points.

PLAYER NOTES: Sophomore forward **Lauren Dybing** led Drake with 15 points, including 10 in the second half. Junior guard **Lindsay Whorton** had 13 points – all in the first half. She missed all five shots in the second half. She has made seven three-point baskets in the tournament. Freshman guard **Kaniesha Agee**, who scored a combined 10 points against the Salukis in the previous two games this season, scored nine points – all in the second half.

Dybing (10), **Agee** (nine) and sophomore guard **Ashleigh Brady** (eight) combined for 27 of Drake's 34 second-half points.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS NOTES: The Salukis, who had an eight-game winning streak snapped, slipped to 20-10. The Salukis also suffered their sixth straight MVC Tournament loss and dropped to 14-14 in MVC Tournament games, including a 2-5 record against Drake.

Southern Illinois was held to a season-low 47 points with its previous low in consecutive wins against Northern Iowa (49-46) and Drake (49-45) Feb. 11 and 16, respectively. This marked the first time that the Salukis failed to have a player score in double figures in a game this season.

PLAYER NOTES: **Carlai Moore**, **Jayne Sweere**, **Erica Smith** and **Debbie Burris** led the Salukis with eight points apiece.

FIRST HALF-RECAP: Drake, relying on three scoring runs in the first half, enjoyed a 25-18 halftime lead. Junior guard **Lindsay Whorton** continued her torrid shooting in the MVC Tournament, by scoring a game-high 13 points. Buoyed by two three-point baskets from Whorton Drake went on an 8-0 run to wipe out a 2-0 deficit. The Salukis responded with a 7-0 run to regain the lead at 9-8. Then it was Drake's turn with a 17-4, keyed by six points from Whorton, to enjoy its biggest lead at 25-13 with 1:04 left. Southern Illinois closed out the first half with a 5-0 run.

SECOND HALF RECAP: Southern Illinois trimmed the deficit to three points twice in the second half (27-24, 29-26) but freshman guard **Kaniesha Agee** scored seven points during an 8-0 run that enabled Drake to secure a 38-26 advantage with 13:52 left.