

2007 STATE FARM MVC TOURNAMENT

GAME 2 - Bradley 65, Missouri State 56

Thursday, March 8, 2007

Knapp Center, Des Moines Iowa

BRADLEY NOTES: The Braves, who snapped a three-game losing streak, improve to 12-18, while advancing to the quarterfinal round against second-seeded Illinois State...This was the Braves' first MVC Tournament victory since 1997...Bradley also halted a seven-game losing streak in the MVC Tournament while improving its MVC Tournament overall mark to 2-15, including a 2-5 record against the Lady Bears...This also marked Bradley's first-ever victory in three MVC Tournament games played in Des Moines...The Braves also improved their all-time record in the Knapp Center to 2-15.

BRADLEY PLAYER NOTES: Senior center **Ashley Chelleen** collected a game-high 18 points and a team-high eight rebounds for the Braves, while senior guard **Erika Nelson** netted 15 points.

MISSOURI STATE NOTES: Missouri State, which suffered its fourth straight loss, closes out the season with a 7-21 record...The Lady Bears' all-time MVC Tournament record falls to 33-11 including a 5-2 record against Bradley...Missouri State also suffered just its second loss in 10 MVC Tournament games played in the Drake Knapp Center.

MISSOURI STATE PLAYER NOTES: Freshman guard **Roxy Stiles** had a team-high 15 points after combing for just four points in previous two games against Bradley this season. Junior guard **Tahnee Balelrio**, who entered the game with an 18.9 scoring average, was held to eight points, making just two of 12 shots.

FIRST HALF RECAP: Trailing 15-13, Bradley scored 14 straight points during a 6 minute 50 second span late in the first half to grab a 27-15 lead it never relinquished. **Erika Nelson** (12) and **Ashley Chelleen** (10) combined for 22 of Bradley's 33 first-half points. The Lady Bears hit just 29.6 percent from the floor, making eight of 27 shots.

SECOND HALF RECAP: The Lady Bears went on a 7-0 run to open the second half, pulling within 33-28. But Bradley enjoyed a pair of 9-0 runs in the second half with the last one resulting in a 60-43 Braves' lead with 4:16 left.