

**2011 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference
Women's Basketball Championship Tournament
First Round * Game 1
#8 Bradley 64 vs. #9 Evansville 47
March 11, 2010 * Family Arena, St. Charles, Mo.**

2011 REGULAR-SEASON MEETINGS -- With strong second halves, Bradley swept the two games with Evansville this season, 65-58 Jan. 23 in Peoria and 66-59 Feb. 17 in Evansville ... In Peoria, Katie Yohn led Bradley with 20 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 blocks while Briyana Blair scored 21 and grabbed 9 steals for UE. The teams combined for 37 steals (46 turnovers). The Aces' team pilfer count of 22, and Blair's 9, represent leaguewide single-game season highs for the Valley ... In Evansville, Raisa Taylor poured in 17 points to lead Bradley as the Braves shot 54 percent from the field in the second half ... UE led in Evansville 23-22 at halftime and the game in Peoria was knotted at 29-apiece at halftime.

TOURNAMENT TYPE -- Bradley is 4-19 all-time in the Valley Tournament. The Braves have never made to the title game ... Evansville is 13-9 all-time in the tournament. The Aces won the tournament in 1999 & 2009, beating Creighton in the final both times. The 2009 Aces were the No. 9 seed—lowest to ever win the tournament ... Bradley is 2-2 in opening-round games; Evansville is 1-2 in opening-round games .. Bradley's six previous times as No. 8 seed all produced double-digit losses ... "tough to beat a team three times" is not the case in Valley women's basketball—in 77 previous cases where teams met in the tournament after one team had a regular-season sweep, the "sweeping" team won 58 times (76 percent).

HEAD-TO-HEAD -- Bradley leads the series with Evansville 21-15

BRAVE BITS -- Raisa Taylor, the only Bradley senior, is the 15th player in Bradley history to score 1,000 career points, but she may join Eileen Yerkes as the only 1,000-point scorer to NOT lead the Braves in scoring in any year; Katie Yohn leads the Braves in scoring this season ... Taylor's career-high 29 points against Indiana State in the regular-season finale included 16 of 21 free throws—Bradley single-game records which also made Taylor the all-time Bradley leader in made free throws with 342 ... Katie Yohn is bidding to join Connie Griffith as the only players in Bradley history to lead the team in scoring as freshmen and sophomores ... The dean of Valley women's basketball coaches in her 11th year, Paula Buscher is the winningest Bradley women's basketball coach with 149 victories ...

ACES ANGLES -- UE ends the season on a 7 game losing streak ... Evansville leads the Valley with 9.8 steals per game. The Aces had double-digit steals 14 times this season which ties Wichita State ... Junior guard Briyana Blair is No. 4 in the Valley in steals and had at least one theft in 17 of 18 Valley games this season ... Only three players remain from that 2009 championship team—senior Stephanie Bamberger and juniors Jordan Lewis and Chelsea Falkenstein.

FIRST HALF RECAP -- At the 1st media timeout (15:01), BU led 14-6...BU started out hot from the field, shooting 7-12 at the first Media Break, UE was 2-5 from the field...At the 2nd Media break (11:37), BU extended its lead to 18-8 by using constant full court pressure... At 11:03, UE's Miranda Liles ended a 7:10 FG drought with a lay-up to cut the BU lead to 22-10...With 8:45 to go, turnovers were 7-6 in favor of UE. This after UE started with 4 turnovers in the first 2:00...At the 3rd media break (7:45), BU still lead 24-13...The Braves were still hot from the field, making 11 of their first shots for 58%...At 7:04, Lauren Niemiera hit a pair of free throws to give BU their largest lead of the night (16pts.) 29-13... At the last Media Break of the half (3:02), BU lead 33-23...BU was winning the battle of the boards 16-8...UE opened the game shooting 4-14 from the field, but came alive at the end of the half by shooting 5-7...At the Half, BU lead 35-30...UE goes on a 14-6 to close the gap. The run started with Staci Gillum scoring 8 straight points starting at the 4:02 mark...Both teams committed over 20 turnovers in both of their regular season games, at the half, UE has 13 turnovers while BU has 17...UE is now 1-17 when trailing at the half, while BU is now 11-1 when leading.

SECOND HALF RECAP -- At the first media break of the half (15:49), BU led 39-35... UE was 2-2 from the field with 5 turnovers in the first 4 minutes...BU was 2-8 to start the second half, but committed only 2 turnovers...At 13:35, Kelly Frings hit a deep trey to give BU a 42-35 lead and end a 3:40 scoring drought. .At 12:34 to go, Raisa Taylor scored her 12th point to move her past Eileen Yerkes (88-92) to 10th on the all-time BU scoring list...At the under 12 minute break (11:53), BU led 46-37... BU broke the game open in the second with a 16-4 run that started with a basket by Taylor at 17:35...At the under 8 minutes break, BU extended their lead to 53-39...UE has not scored a field goal since the 18:20 mark. They are 0-6 with 10 turnovers since they scored a field goal at 18:20...Katie Ellerson hit a three at the 6:13 mark to break the UE shooting drought that lasted 12:07...At the last media timeout of the night (3:27), BU continued to lead 57-46...BU won the battle of the glass with a 45-24 advantage.