

**2011 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference
Women's Basketball Championship Tournament
Quarterfinal Round * Game 4
#5 Wichita State 58, #4 Creighton 52
March 12, 2010 * Family Arena, St. Charles, Mo.**

2011 REGULAR-SEASON MEETINGS -- The Bluejays and Shockers split this season. Carli Tritz hit two free throws with 4.2 seconds left in overtime to give CU a 50-48 win Jan. 29 in Omaha for coach Jim Flanery's 100th Valley win. On Feb. 25 in Wichita, Haleigh Lankster poured in 20 points to lead the Shockers to a 60-51 win.

TOURNAMENT TYPE -- This is the 5th Valley Tournament meeting between CU and WSU, including a 76-59 Bluejay win in the semi-finals in 2010. Sam Schuett led CU with 17 points, while WSU's Haleigh Lankster led all scorers with 23 points ... Creighton was the No. 4 seed for the 4th time ... The Jays are 19-18 all-time in the tournament, with a championship in 2002 as a No. 1 seed, and runner-up spots in 1999, 2007, 2009 and 2010 ... Creighton is 3-2 in Valley Tournament games vs. WSU ... Wichita State, 7-18 all-time in the Valley Tournament, is the No. 5 seed for the fourth time ... the Shockers have never won the Valley Tournament, finishing runner-up in 1997 to Drake. Only twice has a Shocker team received a higher seed in the tournament than No. 5—4th in 2000 and 3rd in 1994. In Quarterfinal games: CU is 11-8, WSU is 5-12. CU had won four straight quarterfinal games, and was the only team to reach the quarterfinals in the first three tournaments at St. Charles.

HEAD-TO-HEAD -- Creighton leads the series 30-21 and had won 19 of the last 22 meetings before today.

BLUEJAY FLIGHTS -- Creighton lost its fourth straight game. This is the first time that the Lady Jays have entered the conference tourney with a 3-game losing streak since 2007... Kelsey Woodard's 259 career treys put her second on the all-time CU list and move her into 6th in all time three-point shooting in the Valley, passing Kourtney Mennen (Indiana State) and Melody Howard (Missouri State) on the all-time Valley list.

SHOCKER SLANTS -- Haleigh Lankster collected her first career double-double with 19 points and 14 rebounds, adding 6 steals, 3 assists and a blocked shot to her stat line ... WSU won for the sixth straight time. In those 6 straight wins, WSU has held opponents to 51.5 points per game and forced 21.5 turnovers per game ... Haleigh Lankster has averaged 17.7 points per game during that six-game win streak ... This is the first time WSU has had back-to-back winning seasons since 1998-99 and 1999-2000 ... While the Shockers have not won a Valley regular-season championship, Jody Adams was an assistant coach at Southern Illinois in 2007 when the Salukis won the Valley regular-season title ... Wichita State is No. 14 in the nation in 3-Point Field Goal Defense (26.7).

FIRST HALF RECAP -- A jumper by Carli Tritz and a 3 from the wing by Kelsey Woodard gave CU a quick 5-0 lead, but WSU scored 14 of the next 17 points with Haleigh Lankster picking up two steals and Jessica Diamond one, and Michelle Price taking a charge as WSU scored after four CU turnovers ... WSU led 14-8 with 11:56 left when CU took a time out ... CU started 4-17 from the field with 10 turnovers in the first 14 minutes...In the first 15 minutes, Haleigh Lankster had 8 points, 8 rebounds (tying her career high) and 5 steals ... WSU led 14-12 with 9:02 left when Kellie Nelson drew her second foul for CU—WSU scored the next 6 points to take a 20-12 lead, and extended the run to 12-4 until Carli Tritz banked in a left-handed circus shot with 34 seconds left ... Wichita is 17-3 when leading at halftime; Creighton is 3-11 when trailing at intermission ...

SECOND HALF RECAP -- To start the second half, Carli Tritz hit the floor hard, hit two free throws, sank a short jumper and then a layup to help CU score the first 7 points of the second half and take a 27-26 lead ... WSU did not score in the second half until 16:33 when Jessica Diamond hit a layup ... WSU had 5 fouls in the first half, but 5 in the first 5:15 of the second half ... Kellie Nelson's free throw tied the score at 34-34 with 11:58 left, but Jazimen Gordon hit two free throws for WSU and Lankster's sixth steal resulted in a layup to put WSU up 38-34 with 11:30 left ... WSU did not have a steal in the first 8 minutes of the second half, then had three on three possessions ... The WSU run went to 8-0 from 11:58 to 7:43 when Kellie Nelson scored to bring CU within 42-36 ... Lankster's bucket-and-one gave WSU a 45-36 lead with 6:19 left, but Carli Tritz got those three back the same way with 5:07 left. CU closed to 45-40 when DeNae Moore split two free throws with 4:40 left, but Lankster scored again to put WSU up 47-40 heading into the final 4:00 ... Sarah Nelson's jumper cut the WSU lead to 47-42 ... but Lankster took an offensive rebound and got fouled, draining two free throws to stretch it back to 49-42 WSU with 2:26 left ... WSU led 53-44 when Carli Tritz hit a 3-pointer with 1:41 left ...Diamond hit two more free throws, but Tritz collected another bucket-and-one to cut it to 55-50 with 1:31 left ... DaNae Moore scored after two CU offensive rebounds with 38.2 left and CU took its final time out trailing 55-52 ... With 8.5 left, Chynna Turner hit a 3-pointer to put WSU up 58-52 ... Tritz traveled on the ensuing play and WSU advanced to the semi-finals.