

**2011 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference  
Women's Basketball Championship Tournament  
Quarterfinal Round \* Game 6  
#3 Missouri State 86, #6 Drake 77  
March 12, 2010 \* Family Arena, St. Charles, Mo.**

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**2011 REGULAR-SEASON MEETINGS** -- The Lady Bears won both meetings, 90-61 Jan. 29 in Des Moines, 92-82 (the highest scoring Valley game this season) Feb. 25 in Springfield ... Casey Garrison had 61 points and 13 assists in the 2 games to lead the Lady Bears ... Rachael Hackbarth had 48 points and 22 rebounds in the 2 games for Drake, and added 26 more tonight to reach 74 points in 3 games against the Bears this year.

**TOURNAMENT TYPE** -- If this match-up looks familiar, it's because it is the "most popular" match-up in Valley Tournament history. This was the 12<sup>th</sup> time Drake and Missouri State have met in the tournament. MSU leads 8-4. This was the teams' fourth quarterfinal matchup, with the Bulldogs winning in Des Moines the inaugural Gateway tourney of 1983, while the Lady Bears emerged victorious twice: 2003 at the Knapp Center and 2006 in Springfield. Four of those meetings have been in the championship game, with Drake beating MSU in 1995 and 1998, while the Lady Bears beat the Bulldogs in the title game in 2001 and 2004 (all four of those games were in Springfield) ... Missouri State is looking for its 10<sup>th</sup> championship; Drake has 5. Between them, they have won 14 of the 25 Valley tourneys ... Missouri State is the No. 3 seed for the second straight year and the sixth time overall, but the Lady Bears have not won the tournament as the No. 3 ... Drake was the No. 6 seed for the second time—the Bulldogs have only been below a No. 5 seed five times.

**HEAD-TO-HEAD** -- Missouri State leads the series 35-33 ... This is the Lady Bears fourth consecutive win over Drake ... This is the 11<sup>th</sup> time the teams have played three times in a season. The first three times (1991, 1993, 1994), MSU won all three. This is the first sweep by either team since 1994.

**BEAR FACTS** -- Missouri State won for the first time in St. Charles ... the Lady Bears' last tourney win came at the Hammons Center, March 12, 2006, 64-55 over Indiana State, to win title no. 9 ... MSU is now 34-14 in MVC Tourney play, 12-6 in the quarterfinal round, and 14-10 in openers ... MSU is 20-2 when leading at halftime ... During their current five-game winning streak, the Lady Bears have averaged 80.2 points per game, beginning with the Feb. 25 win in Des Moines ... Missouri State has averaged 87.8 points per game in its last four meetings with Drake ... Thru Wednesday's action, MSU is ninth in the nation with 5.6 blocks per game; the Bears' four tonight lift their school-record tally 171, fifth-most in MVC history ... also thru Wednesday, MSU was 12th in the nation limiting its opposition to 34.7 percent shooting from the field (637-1835) ... Missouri State rebounded 37.7 percent of its own misses entering the weekend - best in the MVC ... Casey Garrison is No. 4 in the nation (thru Wednesday) in free throw percentage; she is now 91.3 (147-161), second in the Valley, and ahead of the MSU single-season record (Tina Robbins 90.3 in 1993) ... Valley Defensive Player of the Year Tia Mays is No. 8 in the nation (thru Wednesday) with 3.2 blocked shots per game, turning back a school-record 98 this season ... Mays already sits No. 2 on the MSU career list ... Mays could become the second player in Valley history to block 100 shots in a season, joining Northern Iowa's Cassie Hager, who did it twice (135 in 2005, 128 in 2006) ...

**BULLDOG BITES** -- Rachel Hackbarth's fourth straight game with 20 or more points and third 20+scoring game of the season ... Kristen Turk was 2-9 at halftime with 5 points, but hit 8-13 for 20 points in the second half to finish with 25 ... Senior Kristen Turk enters play tonight leading the Valley in scoring a 19.8 ppg average. Turk was the second-leading scorer in the 2010 Valley Tournament, scoring 18.5 points per game...This is the first time Drake has lost a first game at Family Arena... Bulldogs fall to 30-18 in MVC Tourney action, 14-6 in the quarterfinal round.

**FIRST HALF RECAP** -- MSU scored 8 of the first 10 points, including two buckets by Christiana Shorter, who had 3 offensive rebounds in the first four minutes ... Baskets by Rachael Hackbarth and Kristin Turk drew Drake within 8-6 with 15:17 left in the half, but Shorter hit a pair of free throws and Jaleshia Roberson came off the bench firing, draining a pair of long 3-pointers to put MSU ahead 16-6 with 13:57 left ... Amber Wollschlager's three and a Hackbarth free throw cut the lead to 18-12, but MSU went on a 19-7 run to take a 37-19 lead with 5:40 and Drake never came closer than 13 before halftime. Hackbarth had 15 of Drake's 30 first-half points ...

**SECOND HALF RECAP** -- Jasmine Malone drained a three for the first score of the second half that put MSU ahead 50-30. MSU's biggest lead was 68-46 with 16:23 left, but Drake, thanks to Turk's shooting and Hackbarth's inside work, eventually worked it down to 75-69 with 4:28 left on a Turk 3-pointer ... Buckets by Casey Garrison and Lacey Bosche got MSU back up by 10, and the Lady Bears held on with free throws after that.