



## 2011 State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Championship Tournament

Quarterfinals - Game 3

**No. 1 Northern Iowa 87, No. 8 Bradley 57**

*Friday, March 11, 2011 \* Family Arena, St. Charles, Mo.*

ST. CHARLES, Mo. – University of Northern Iowa junior K.K. Armstrong came off the bench to score a career-high 26 points and help the UNI women's basketball team top Bradley 87-57 Friday afternoon in a quarterfinal game of the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament at Family Arena. The win is the Panthers' 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive victory and advances UNI to the MVC Tournament semifinals for the second straight year.

Armstrong was 8-of-14 from the floor, including 4-of-7 from three-point range, helping UNI (25-5) match a season-high 12 threes in the game. Katelin Oney was 4-of-5 from behind the arc on her way to 14 points, and Jacqui Kalin tallied 13 points and six assists for UNI. Erin Brocka finished with a team-high 10 rebounds to go along with six points, six assists and two blocked shots.

Leah Kassing led Bradley (15-16) with 15 points, and Raisa Taylor finished with 11. Katie Yohn tallied 10 points and seven rebounds for the Braves.

Bradley scored the game's first seven points to build an early 7-0 lead. Katelin Oney put UNI on the board with a three from the left wing at the 18-minute mark. Bradley added a pair of free throws, but Armstrong took a defensive rebound the length of the floor to bring the score to 9-5. Boeck followed a defensive stop with a three from the top of the key to cut the Panther deficit to one, 9-8 at 12:25. BU followed with a 9-2 run that extended its lead to 18-10 with 10:13 left in the first half.

The Panthers chipped away, and a turn-around jumper from Amber Kirschbaum pulled UNI within two, 20-18 with 6:44 left in the half. Katie Yohn drove and scored for BU, but Armstrong scored on a layup and Kirschbaum made one of two free throws to bring UNI within one, 22-21 at 5:21. Rachel Madrigal was fouled on a fast break, and her pair of free-throws gave UNI its first lead of the game, 23-22 with 4:56 on the clock.

A Yohn jumper put the Braves back in front by a point, but Armstrong gave UNI a two-point edge with a three on the Panthers' next possession, bringing the score to 26-24. Kirschbaum sank a mid-range baseline jumper, Jess McDowell made one of two free throws, and Armstrong made a layup to stretch UNI's lead to 31-24 with 2:12 on the clock.

Jacqui Kalin hit a pull-up jumper at 1:35 to cap a 10-0 run. BU's Kassing ended the Panther run with a shot with 55 seconds left in the half. Kalin answered with a three, and Armstrong hit a pair of free throws to send UNI into the break in front, 38-26. Brocka hit a three from the corner on UNI's first possession out of the break. Raisa Taylor scored on the other end, but Brocka knocked down a three from the top of the key with the shot clock winding down to give UNI a 44-28 lead. Kassing scored on the other end, but Oney drained a three from the left side to give UNI three threes in its first four second-half possessions and a 47-30 lead. That was the beginning of a 10-0 run by the Panthers that stretched the UNI advantage to 54-30 with 16:29 to play. The Panther lead never dipped below 22 points from then on, and UNI would lead by as many as 31 points on the way to the victory.

UNI shot 29-of-58 (50.0 percent) from the floor in the game, including 17-of-27 (63.0 percent) in the second half. The Panthers were 12-of-21 (57.1 percent) from three-point range, bolstered by 8-of-11 (72.7 percent) shooting from behind the arc in the second period. UNI was 17-of-20 (85 percent) from the free-throw line.

Bradley shot 18-of-57 (31.6 percent) from the floor, including 4-of-14 (28.6 percent) from three-point range. BU finished 17-of-24 (70.8 percent) from the free-throw line.

UNI's 29 field goals came off 22 assists. The Panthers committed 14 turnovers in the game, resulting in 12 points for BU. UNI turned Bradley's 23 turnovers into 20 points.

UNI advances to the semifinal round of the MVC Tournament, where it will face No. 5 Wichita State on Saturday at 1:35 p.m.

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