

State Farm™ State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament

Family Arena – St. Charles, Mo. Game 4 – Friday, March 9, 2012

No. 4 Creighton def. No. 5 UNI, 53, 46

Post-Game Quotes - Creighton

Coach Jim Flanery:

On the game: "You don't want to be the team that is up 15 and loses. You don't as a player and as a coach. Like I said, you would be lying if that didn't cross your mind one time. Not that it is all you are thinking about, but I think as a player you can say, like Sarah said, possession-by-possession. But if you just missed a shot, or you just gave up an easier basket than you wanted to give up, I think some of that creeps up."

On team's semifinal matchup with Missouri State: "They are a great offensive rebounding team. We have struggled to rebound with them and I think that is going to be key. I think that Shorter is a tough matchup for us. She is so capable of drawing fouls and offensive rebounding. I think she is a tough matchup for us because we really can't afford to get Sarah in foul trouble."

DaNae Moore:

On her offensive performance: "I always give all the credit to my teammates. We have so many good players on our team that I don't really need to come in and score 20 points a game or take 20 shots. I do the other things and when they go down and double Sarah, it is my opportunity to hit that open shot. I can't expect my shots to fall all the time or all my other teammates' shots to fall all the time. So even though it was a good day for me, I am not going to count on that. It is all the other things I want to do that I can contribute to this team."

Sarah Nelson:

On UNI's late run: "I just think that we are really good at coming together as a team, and we understand that the other team is going to make great runs, especially when you are playing such a good team like UNI. I just think that we all, even when we came out of that timeout, we got together as five on the floor and we said 'guys we got this.' We just have to take it possession-by-possession, stop after stop. We can't look forward to the end of the game. We have to look at this possession and the next possession and then the next possession."



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Coach Tanya Warren:

On this year's team: "Even after the run that we had last year, I'm very much every bit as proud of this group as I am of last year's group, because of what this group has had to overcome. Really starting way back in June, it seems like monthly this group has had to overcome something. They didn't complain, they haven't ducked their heads, they didn't quit. We asked them to leave it out of the floor, they left it out on the floor. Some things didn't go our way. That happens. But I couldn't be more proud to have coached a group of young women than I am of that team in there because of everything they've had to overcome."

On the senior class: "We told them you can walk out of here with your head held high. You have been a part of something outstanding in terms of walking away with three championships. Some people play this game and don't win one...and you have three."

On Jacqui Kalin returning next year: "She has been able to do some shooting drills for the last couple of weeks. She hadn't picked up a ball since October. And I watched her do a shooting workout, and she shot well over 50 percent from the three. It's hard for me to be able to grasp that she hasn't had a ball in her hand. And I'm not making that up. That just goes to show her mental toughness. If anyone can come back and be as good, if not better, it's that kid because of the work she puts in every single day."

K.K. Armstrong:

On strong second-half play: "I took it to heart when coach Warren said to just leave it out there. Because in the first half I wasn't myself. ... We just put it all out there, and played as one. We just didn't get it done."

On her time at UNI: "I can't even tell you how excited I am just to wear this jersey and to represent UNI as a person. And it's something I will always carry true to my heart. And I'm so thankful for everything."

Amber Kirschbaum:

On the senior class: "They worked their butt off this season. And they really took to heart what our team has gone through this season. They've really been strong about it. They've been there with us. And they really did leave it all on the floor tonight. And that's what we needed from them. I'm really happy to play with them. We're going to miss them."