



State Farm Missouri Valley Conference
Women's Basketball Tournament
Family Arena – St. Charles, Mo.
Game 5 – Friday, March 9, 2012

No. 7 Drake def. No. 2 Illinois State, 56-54

Post-Game Quotes - Drake

Coach Amy Stephens:

On the game: "I am just really proud of our team's effort and their determination, their heart. It's just, to steal a word from Coach Crawford, 'sandpaper' - just grinding it out. It's not pretty, but we got the job done and our defense was tenacious. When they got up eight with ten minutes, we could have rolled over and given up, and they just refused to go away and hung around and executed what we needed to execute."

On Kyndal's maturity as a freshman: "We could not have drawn up a better scenario, because we would have wanted the ball in Kyndal Clark's hands. We have so much faith and confidence in her ability to make the right decisions, and this was a tough game for her. They picked her up full court, and she was playing through fatigue. We felt confident that we could get her to the rim and get a high percentage shot. We still had a timeout left, but I didn't call it. We were just going to let the chips fall as they may."

Kyndal Clark:

On the last offensive possessions: "On the second to last shot I felt like I kind of had the edge on her. I was off balanced and that's how I just threw it up there and it went in. On the last one I knew Russell was going to come in under me and try to swoop it, or try to block me, so I knew I had to adjust my shot, but at that point I knew I just had to make it."

Rachael Hackbarth:

On the potential Wichita State semifinal matchup: "They are going to come out and they are going to bring it. They are tenacious on defense. They are going to come out and pressure us, and I think what we need to learn from it is we need to control the pace of the game, play with poise, play with confidence, and just don't get ourselves rushed with their up-tempo pace they play with."

On the game: "We have been in so many close games this season in conference, that it was finally our time to dig down, grind it out like Coach Stephens said and come up with the win. We did it."

Amber Wollschlager:

On her career: "You peak at the end. I have come to play in this tournament. We believe in each other and that is the biggest thing about our team right now is that we all just believe in each other and that will get us a long ways."



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Coach Stephanie Glance:

On the game: “They outplayed us. They acted like a team that certainly wanted to win a championship. I feel like every time you win a game in a tournament, at any point in time, you gain a little confidence. That first game is tough. I thought that last night when Drake won. They have real confidence, get a little momentum. ...I feel like we had some holes in our offense and defense at times that we haven't seen since the beginning of the year. So that's what's disappointing. I think that, perhaps some of our youth, and having not been here before, showed up today, unfortunately. We have a lot of players that have not played very many minutes in the conference tournament. I certainly would have liked to have hoped that we are past that, but I think we showed some youth today that we haven't seen in awhile.”

On aggressiveness: “The strength of our team really has been in transition—being able to push the tempo. And we did that, but we didn't finish on the other end. And I felt like that was a big difference for us tonight, compared to previous games.”

Katie Broadway:

On her career at Illinois State: “It's been a great career. Not the outcome we wanted. Not the outcome I wanted for my last year. It's been fun playing for these girls and I'll be sad when it's over. So hopefully we continue on and get to play some games.”

On the final possession: “That play will probably stick in my mind probably for awhile. There are a lot of different things in the game that I probably would have liked to do differently. We're a really good transition team. We had time, so we probably should have just let it play out.”

Candace Sykes:

On her team's mistakes: “I feel like every team makes mistakes throughout the course of a game. I think the key is playing through it. And tonight we just came up short.”