

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

Championship - Game 9

#1 Northern Iowa 69, #3 Missouri State 41

Sunday, March 13, 2011 * Family Arena, St. Charles, Mo.

NORTHERN IOWA QUOTES-

Tanya Warren on UNI's season-

"What a journey it's been for this team from start to finish. I couldn't be more proud, and I've said that over and over. I told these guys that, win or lose, nothing will take away from the season that they have had. They were so locked in today. Oh what a journey, that's all I can say."

Tanya Warren on the difference in the game-

"They are a very good offensive team. But I thought we did a great job of defending their characteristics individually and as a team. We had to make sure we took away the three-point line and got back in transition and play to their weaknesses individually. I thought, as a whole, our kids executed our game plan to a 'T'. We played extremely well defensively today."

Jacqui Kalin on setting the tone early-

"One of the things we said in the locker room before the game was that we're not going to win the game in the first four minutes. But what we did want to do is set the tone. I do think we came out and did that. Anytime you can get an early lead like that, it feels good."

Jacqui Kalin on winning Tournament Most Outstanding Player-

"It's just completely a tribute to the team. I just take it as huge for our program and Northern Iowa. All year long it's been team efforts that have gotten us victories, and that has made us successful. I appreciate those things for our program and for out team."

MISSOURI STATE QUOTES -

Nyla Milleson on the loss-

"I am very proud of this group. This team has been through a lot. It's been very much a roller coaster since July with things going on, but we are a step closer to where we want to be. Credit a very good Northern Iowa team. It was not meant to be."

Nyla Milleson on offensive struggles-

"I think we missed easy shots early and maybe lost a little bit of confidence. It was just one of those days where things weren't going right and we couldn't catch a break. It kind of snowballs and this is not the type of team that you can have that happen to you."

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Casey Garrison on postseason outlook-

"We know what we are capable of. We just have to get it done. We fought hard this game and it didn't go the way we wanted, but sometimes we are going to have that, we are going to have to fight through the adversity. We can't dwell on this game. Our season isn't over because of this game. We just have to watch film, go back to practice, and get it done.

Kendra Roberts on playing in the championship game-

"It's like you can taste it. Give credit to UNI, they are a great team. What they are going to do in the NCAA and for The Valley, kudos to them. We still have a lot more. This team is heading in the right direction and I couldn't be more proud to be a part of this team."