

## NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**#6 ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*(Buffalo, NY)*

**VS**

**BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*(Baltimore, MD)*

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*Danville, IL*- Game 3 of the NJCAA DII Men's Basketball National Tournament featured NJCAA District 3 Champion Erie Community College (24-4) vs. NJCAA District 16 Champion Baltimore City Community College (23-10). Erie comes into this game ranked #6 in the NJCAA National Poll and as the #6 seed in the tournament.

This game could have been equated to a track meet as both teams liked to get out and run the floor. Erie was very successful early on in garnishing transition points as they jumped out to an early lead. Their athleticism made it difficult for Baltimore City to find success in their half court offense. Erie maintained between a 10 and 14 point lead for a majority of the first half. Baltimore City finally got their bearings and brought themselves within 5 points with less than 5 minutes remaining in the half. Erie's Dequan Jones kept Baltimore City from getting any closer with some tough offensive finishes at the end of the half. This high scoring contest went to the break with Erie on top. **HALFTIME SCORE: Erie 47, Baltimore City 36.**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> HALF LEADERS FOR ERIE:**

Dequan Jones, 6'5" SO, 17 pts

Yandell Denis, 6'5" SO, 9 pts

### **1<sup>ST</sup> HALF LEADERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY:**

Carlos Smith, 6'8" SO, 13 pts

Theodore West, 6'5" SO, 8 pts

Zafir Williams, 6'0" FR, 8 pts

The pace did not slow down in the second half. Erie's lead didn't change much for the first several minutes. Eventually Erie had multiple turnovers during a stretch that Baltimore City converted into points. They were able to pull within 1 point with around 14 minutes to play. A missed free throw attempt prevented Baltimore City from tying the game at that point. Erie held a small lead for the next several minutes. Eventually, Baltimore City took a 70-69 lead with around 8 minutes remaining in the game. There were several lead changes over the course of the next couple of minutes. Baltimore then got several key stops and took a 78-73 lead with

less than 5 minutes remaining. Turnovers continued to plague Erie and Baltimore City took advantage. They held a 7 point lead with 3 minutes to play. Erie battled until the end but turnovers ultimately kept them from closing the gap. **FINAL SCORE: Baltimore City 89, Erie 84.**

Baltimore City will now advance in the winner's bracket to play the winner of Community College of Rhode Island vs. MCC-Penn Valley on Wednesday at 8:00pm. Erie will continue to play in the consolation bracket to play the loser of the aforementioned game on Thursday at 9:00am.

**GAME LEADERS FOR ERIE:**

Dequan Jones, 19 pts, 12 rbs  
Brandon Emmitt, 6'0" SO, 18 pts  
Yandell Denis, 6'5" SO, 17 pts  
Uche Ogbonna, 6'6" SO, 16 pts  
Eymofee Edukugho, 6'6" FR, 10 pts, 7 rbs

**GAME LEADERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY:**

Carlos Smith, 6'8" SO, 21pts 8 rbs  
Sean Farr, 6'4" FR, 20 pts  
Theodore West, 6'5" SO, 15 pts  
Zafir Williams, 6'0" FR, 14 pts  
Karrell Goines, 6'1" FR, 12 pts