

## NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**#4 COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND**

*(Warwick, RI)*

**VS**

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE - PENN VALLEY**

*(Kansas City, MO)*

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*Danville, IL-* Game 4 of the NJCAA DII Men's Basketball National Tournament featured NJCAA District 11 Champion Community College of Rhode Island (28-4) vs. NJCAA District 12 Champion Metropolitan Community College – Penn Valley (15-17). Rhode Island comes into this game ranked #4 in the NJCAA National Poll and as the #3 seed in the tournament.

Community College of Rhode Island jumped out to an early lead. Penn Valley struggled to score against CCRI's zone defense. CCRI had a 10 point lead within the first 5 minutes and led by as many as 13 in the first 10 minutes of the half. CCRI forced a lot of turnovers with traps within their half court defense, converting many of them to points. Desmond Williams led the attack for CCRI with 14 early points. Denzell Cook kept Penn Valley afloat during their offensive woes to keep the game from getting out of hand. CCRI had the rebounding advantage early on but Penn Valley snatched up some key rebounds in the latter part of the half, which allowed them to cut a 14 point deficit down to 6. Penn Valley put on some full-court pressure in the closing minutes of the half and managed to cut CCRI's lead to 4 points. Desmond Williams hit some big shots to build back CCRI's lead to 10 points before the break. **HALFTIME SCORE: CCRI 46, Penn Valley 36.**

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

Desmond Williams, 6'5" FR, 21 pts

Rogério Livramento, 6'6" SO, 8 pts

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

Tyrone Hooker, 6'4" SO, 11 pts

Denzell Cook, 6'5" SO, 9 pts

Penn Valley came out with a strong defensive effort in the second half. CCRI didn't score a field goal for almost 4 minutes to start the second half. Penn Valley cut the lead to 6 and appeared to be a different team than what started the game. Their full court pressure seemed to cause CCRI a lot of problems. CCRI maintained around a 6 point lead for several minutes until Penn Valley cut it to 55-51 with 12 minutes to play. CCRI started using some full-court pressure as

well, which made it a physical and intense game. It remained close for the ensuing minutes but Penn Valley could never get over the hump. Desmond Williams continued to be a huge force on the offensive end for CCRI, which opened up opportunities for his teammates as well. Penn Valley gave a great effort until the end but CCRI went on to win the contest. **FINAL SCORE: CCRI 91, Penn Valley 79.**

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

**GAME LEADERS FOR CCRI:**

Desmond Williams, 6'5" FR, 36 pts

Bryan Yarce, 5'10" FR, 18 pts

Rogério Livramento, 6'6" SO, 17 pts, 16 pts

**GAME LEADERS FOR PENN VALLEY:**

Tyrone Hooker, 6'4" SO, 23 pts, 13 rbs

Denzell Cook, 6'5" SO, 20 pts, 7 rbs

Eric Jones, 6'2" FR, 17 pts