

NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

#7 LOUISBURG COLLEGE

(Louisburg, NC)

VS

(RV) IOWA CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Fort Dodge, IA)

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Danville, IL- Game 5 of the NJCAA DII Men's Basketball National Tournament featured NJCAA District 15 Champion Louisburg College (27-5) vs. NJCAA District 7 Champion Iowa Central Community College (24-8). Louisburg comes into this game ranked #7 in the NJCAA National Poll and as the #8 seed in the tournament.

3-pointers were the shot of choice for both teams early on in the contest. Louisburg and Iowa Central were both defending lane well and letting the shooters prove themselves. Fortunately for both teams, they were hitting the early shots to keep the score even. The score would stay that way for the next several minutes as the teams traded baskets, which led to several lead changes. Antonio Robinson was the primary scoring threat for Louisburg with several early points. Robinson hit a big shot to cap off a run that put Louisburg up 25-19 with under 8 minutes left in the half. Iowa Central responded with a 6 point run to tie it at 25-25. It was a battle for the rest of the half but Louisburg got some key offensive rebounds and hit some big shots in the closing minutes to take another lead. Antonio Robinson hit a very tough 3-pointer from the corner at the halftime buzzer to give Louisburg their biggest lead of the game and the momentum. **HALFTIME SCORE: Louisburg 41, Iowa Central 32.**

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR LOUISBURG:

Antonio Robinson, 6'4" FR, 14 pts, 4 rbs

Rashod Chavis, 6'2" SO, 8 pts

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR IOWA CENTRAL:

Rhys Elliot, 6'2" FR, 10 pts

Marc Musungayi, 6'6" SO, 6 pts, 4 rbs

Iowa Central kicked off the second half with a scoring binge, cutting Louisburg's lead to 4 points. Louisburg didn't score their first point until over 2 minutes into the half. After they got the first one they found their groove again. Iowa Central struggled to finish plays and Louisburg quietly built up another 11 point lead with around 15 minutes to play. Iowa Central showed spurts where they looked like they may get over the hump but Louisburg kept rolling. By the 9 minute

mark, Louisburg had a 61-45 lead. Louisburg's lead neared 20 points but Iowa Central kept fighting. With about 4 minutes to play, Iowa Central cut Louisburg's lead to 65-60. Iowa Central switched to a zone defense, which caused Louisburg some offensive struggles. Iowa Central had an opportunity to strike for the win but turned the ball over in key situations. Louisburg grabbed some key rebounds and steals to help seal the victory. **FINAL SCORE: Louisburg 79, Iowa Central 71.**

Louisburg will now advance in the winner's bracket to play the winner of Mott Community College vs. Danville Area Community College on Thursday at 6:30pm. Iowa Central will continue to play in the consolation bracket to play the loser of the aforementioned game on Thursday at 11:00am.

GAME LEADERS FOR LOUISBURG:

Antonio Robinson, 6'4" FR, 19 pts, 8 rbs
Kevin Williams, 5'7" FR, 12 pts, 7 rbs
Joe Goodwin, 6'5" FR, 10 pts, 5 rbs
Rashod Chavis, 6'2" SO, 11 pts

GAME LEADERS FOR IOWA CENTRAL:

Rhys Elliot, 6'2" FR, 15 pts
Jovonte Young, 6'2" FR, 13 pts, 6 rbs
Marc Musungayi, 6'6" SO, 10 pts, 5 rbs
Robert Goffney, 6'1" SO, 9 pts, 8 rbs