

NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

#1 MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Flint, MI)

VS

(RV) DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Danville, IL)

For immediate release:

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Danville, IL- Game 6 of the NJCAA DII Men's Basketball National Tournament featured NJCAA District 9 Champion Mott Community College (31-1) vs. NJCAA District 14 Champion, and tournament host, Danville Area Community College (19-13). Mott comes into this game ranked #1 in the NJCAA National Poll and as the #1 seed in the tournament.

It was a packed house for this one. The game was scoreless for the first 3 minutes but Danville got it started. It remained a low scoring game, with Danville holding an 8-5 lead for quite some time. Both teams held steady and tough in their half court man-to-man defenses. Danville hit some big shots to take a 15-9 lead with less than 9 minutes remaining. Mott used a couple timeouts to gather their thoughts but Danville didn't cool off, extended their lead to 9 points. Mott could not get any type of rhythm on offense, a big credit to the effort Danville had on the defensive end. Danville used their defensive momentum and the crowd's energy to build a 26-13 lead, forcing Mott to burn another timeout with 5 minutes left in the half. Mott subsequently went on an 8-2 run over the next couple of minutes, somewhat alleviating their scoring drought. However, Danville grabbed several key offensive rebounds and put-backs to hold on to a healthy lead at halftime. **HALFTIME SCORE: Danville 32, Mott 23.**

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR MOTT:

John Taylor, 6'1" SO, 7 pts

Ralph Eason, 6'1" FR, 6 pts

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR DANVILLE:

Brandon Demmings, 6'1" SO, 10 pts

Shea Sumpter, 6'6" SO, 8 pts

John Taylor came out in the second half and played like he had a chip on his shoulder. He hit 2 very tough shots to springboard Mott within 3 points. Danville held on to at least a 3 point lead for the next several minutes. With less than 15 minutes to play, John Taylor willed his team into a 43-40 lead before Danville could call a timeout. Jacob Perry then took his turn to hit consecutive 3-pointers to put Mott up 52-45 midway through the 2nd half. Before Danville

knew it, they were down 14 points and Mott showed no evidence of slowing down. Although Danville continued to play hard, Mott was too much to handle. Mott coasted out to a victory after a very nervous first half. FINAL SCORE: Mott 76, Danville 59.

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

GAME LEADERS FOR MOTT:

John Taylor, 6'1" SO, 26 pts
Ralph Eason, 6'1" FR, 21 pts
Jacob Perry, 5'10" FR, 10 pts

GAME LEADERS FOR DANVILLE:

Shea Sumpter, 6'6" SO, 18 pts, 10 rbs
Brandon Demmings, 6'1" SO, 15 pts, 6 rbs
Derek Shouse, 6'2" FR, 12 pts