

## NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**#10 SOUTH MOUNTAIN COLLEGE**

*(Phoenix, AZ)*

**VS**

**GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

*(Grand Rapids, MI)*

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*Danville, IL-* Game 8 of the NJCAA DII Men's Basketball National Tournament featured NJCAA District 1 Champion South Mountain College (28-6) vs. NJCAA District 8 Champion Grand Rapids Community College (21-9). South Mountain comes into this game ranked #10 in the NJCAA National Poll and as the #4 seed of the tournament.

Grand Rapids jumped out to a quick start and 4-0 lead. It took South Mountain a while to find their bearings but they eventually were able to tie the game at 11-11 almost 7 minutes into the game. South Mountain played in an aggressive 1-3-1 defense but Grand Rapids moved the ball around well and grabbed some key offensive rebounds to regain the advantage. Grand Rapids held onto the lead for the next several minutes. South Mountain eventually went on a short run to take a 1 point lead midway through the first half. Their lead was short lived as Grand Rapids fired right back. There were a couple more lead exchanges over the last several minutes of the half. Michael Craig hit some big shots for South Mountain to give them a 5 point lead. South Mountain held onto a short lead as they headed in for the break. **HALFTIME SCORE: South Mountain 35, Grand Rapids 32.**

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

Ernesto Andrade, 6'5" SO, 10 pts

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

Jared Mysliwec, 6'0" SO, 24 pts

South Mountain came out in the second half strong, quickly building over a 10 point lead. Michael Craig made some more big plays in the second half to help South Mountain maintain around a 10 point lead for the majority of the second half. However, Grand Rapids got their second wind with less than 9 minutes to play and cut the lead to 5 points, forcing a South Mountain timeout. Grand Rapids struggled to get cut the lead to less than 5 points but Jared Mysliwec hit some monstrous shots, scoring his 30<sup>th</sup> point with over 6 minutes to play. South Mountain was able to outlast the Grand Rapids' last push for the lead. With 3 minutes to play

they secured a 13 point lead and did well managing the clock. Grand Rapids gave a good effort but South Mountain persevered. **FINAL SCORE: South Mountain 76, Grand Rapids 61.**

South Mountain will now advance in the winner's bracket to play Lakeland Community College on Thursday at 8:30pm. Grand Rapids will continue to play in the consolation bracket to play Bismarck State College on Thursday at 1:00pm.

**GAME LEADERS FOR SOUTH MOUNTAIN:**

Ernesto Andrade, 6'5" SO, 21 pts, 12 rbs

Michael Craig, 6'6" SO, 19 pts, 11 rbs

Chuck Cole, 6'0" SO, 10 pts

**GAME LEADERS FOR GRAND RAPIDS:**

Jared Mysliwiec, 6'0" SO, 30 pts

Tyler Krim, 6'5" FR, 11 pts

Micah Gates, 6'4" FR, 10 pts