

## NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

### #19 MORAINE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Palos Hills, IL)

VS

### REND LAKE COLLEGE

(Ina, IL)

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*Danville, IL*- Game 9 of the NJCAA DII Men's Basketball National Tournament featured a consolation match-up between Moraine Valley Community College vs. Rend Lake College. Moraine Valley lost their first round game to Johnson County Community College with a score of 63-70. Rend Lake College lost their first round game to #2 seeded South Suburban College with a score of 77-81.

Moraine Valley held the first lead of the game but Rend Lake fired right back. Rend Lake constructed a 10-4 lead after converting several points off of Moraine Valley's turnovers. Moraine Valley finally got consecutive defensive stops and tied the game 14-14 midway through the first half. The game was physical on both ends and the score remained close for most of the half. Moraine Valley eventually took a 1 point lead with less than 7 minutes to play but their lead was short lived. Rend Lake reclaimed the lead, although it never grew more than 3 points for several minutes. It was a very physical and low scoring game. Every point scored was hard to earn, making it an exciting half. Rend Lake hit a 3-pointer in the closing minute of the half to go up 4 points at the break. **HALFTIME SCORE: Rend Lake 29, Moraine Valley 25.**

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

Richaun Holmes, 6'8", 13 pts

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

Noel Allen, 6'5" FR, 8 pts

Dominique Bolden, 6'4" FR, 7 pts

Moraine Valley scored a couple quick baskets to tie the game at 29-29 before Rend Lake scored 2 baskets in a row to reclaim a 4 point lead. The next couple minutes were stagnant for both teams but Moraine Valley implemented a half-court trap that caused Rend Lake some problems. Quickly Moraine Valley held a 41-35 lead with about 15 minutes to play, forcing Rend Lake to burn a timeout. Rend Lake responded well and tied the game shortly after and eventually reclaimed a 2 point lead. The lead changed hands several times in the latter part of the second half. The game remained a physical one making each possession a grind. Moraine Valley made

a short run after that to take a 62-59 lead with less than 3 minutes to play. Moraine Valley switched to a 1-3-1 zone in the closing minutes, which caused Rend Lake some troubles on offense. The lead got as big as 6 points for Moraine Valley as they started their delay tactics. Rend Lake played hard until the end but ultimately didn't have enough time to close the gap. **FINAL SCORE: Moraine Valley 67, Rend Lake 62.**

Moraine Valley will now advance in the consolation bracket to play the winner of Erie Community College vs. MCC – Penn Valley on Friday at 11:00am. Rend Lake has now been eliminated from the tournament.

**GAME LEADERS FOR MORAINE VALLEY:**

Richaun Holmes, 6'8", 23 pts  
Mike Jackson, 6'3", 14 pts  
Mike O'Donnell, 6'6", 13 pts  
Modestas Masiulionis, 6'3", 10 pts

**GAME LEADERS FOR REND LAKE:**

TeNale Roland, 6'1" FR, 17 pts, 10 rbs  
Noel Allen, 6'5" FR, 14 pts  
Dominique Bolden, 6'4" FR, 10 pts