

NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
(Baltimore, MD)
VS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND
(Warwick, RI)

For immediate release:

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Danville, IL- Game 11 of the NJCAA DII Men's Basketball National Tournament featured a second round match-up between Baltimore City Community College and Community College of Rhode Island. Baltimore City defeated the #6 seeded Erie Community College 89-84 to advance to the second round. Rhode Island defeated MCC-Penn Valley 91-79 to advance to the second round. Rhode Island is ranked #4 in the NJCAA national poll and is the #3 seed in the tournament.

Baltimore City jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the opening minutes. Rhode Island came right back and tied the game. It was a physical game from the start with lots of fouls. The score was pretty even through most of the first half. Both squads experimented with some full court pressure, building up the intensity even more. Towards the latter part of the half, Baltimore City struggled to consistently score. Rhode Island slowly constructed a 7 point lead, although they had to grind out all of their points. Baltimore City came out of a timeout and put together an 8-0 run to close the gap but Rhode Island maintained a slight lead after the run. The remaining minutes of the first half were a grind but Rhode Island secured the advantage at the break. **HALFTIME SCORE: Rhode Island 36, Baltimore City 33.**

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY:

Sean Farr, 6'4" FR, 11 pts
Carlos Smith, 6'8" SO, 7 pts

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR RHODE ISLAND:

Rogério Livramento, 6'6" SO, 12 pts, 10 rbs
Keith Lackerson, 6'3" SO, 8 pts
Isaac Medeiros, 6'5" FR, 7 pts

The game picked back up right from where it left off in the first half. It remained a very tight game early on in the second half. Rhode Island put together a run at about the 15 minute mark to build an 8 point lead. They held at least an 8 point lead for most of the half and extended it to 10 points with less than 10 minutes to play. Rhode Island was playing tough defense and

was rebounding well at both ends of the floor to limit Baltimore City's scoring opportunities. As more time passed, Rhode Island's lead continued to grow. Desmond Williams, one of Rhode Island's top scorers, was ice cold for most of the game but finally found his groove in later on in the game. He scored 15 points in the span of 4 minutes. Rhode Island's lead quickly went north of 20 points with 5 minutes to play. Baltimore City had countless turnovers that prevented them from putting together a consistent scoring run. Rhode Island coasted to victory. **FINAL SCORE: Rhode Island 85, Baltimore City 64.**

Rhode Island will advance in the championship bracket to play South Suburban College on Friday at 6:00pm. Baltimore City will continue playing in the consolation bracket vs. Johnson County Community College on Thursday at 3:00pm.

GAME LEADERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY:

Sean Farr, 6'4" FR, 23 pts, 10 rbs
Carlos Smith, 6'8" SO, 10 pts
Zafir Williams, 6'0" FR, 10 pts

GAME LEADERS FOR RHODE ISLAND:

Desmond Williams, 6'5" FR, 23 pts, 7 rbs, 4 asst.
Rogerio Livramento, 6'6" SO, 16 pts, 15 rbs
Bryan Yarce, 5'10" FR, 13 pts, 5 asst.
Keith Lackerson, 6'3" SO, 12 pts, 8 rbs
Isaac Medeiros, 6'5" FR, 12 pts, 8 rbs