

NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Overland Park, KS)

VS

BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Baltimore, MD)

For immediate release:

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Danville, IL- Game 15 of the NJCAA DII Men's Basketball National Tournament featured a consolation bracket match-up between Johnson County Community College and Baltimore City Community College. Johnson County won their first round game vs. Moraine Valley Community College but lost their second round game vs. South Suburban College. Baltimore City won their first round game vs. Erie Community College but lost their second round game to Community College of Rhode Island.

Johnson County started the game off with a 10-0 run, led by Justin Leathers. Leathers scored 7 points in the first 3 minutes of the game. Baltimore City called a timeout to regroup but Johnson County remained red hot and had an 18-4 lead 5 minutes into the game. Baltimore City eventually woke up and crawled back within 9 points by the 12 minute mark. Baltimore kept chipping away and cut the lead to 5 points, led by Theodore West with 8 early points. Johnson County kept playing hard and rekindled their lead back to 10 point with less than 4 minutes to play. Just when Johnson County looked like they were back in control, Baltimore City made a late surge to cut it back to 6 points at the break. **HALFTIME SCORE: Johnson County 40, Baltimore City 34.**

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR JOHNSON COUNTY:

Justin Leathers, 6'5" SO, 15 pts, 5 rbs

Christian Hildebrandt, 6'3" FR, 8 pts

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY:

Sean Farr, 6'4" FR, 10 pts

Theodore West, 6'5" SO, 9 pts

The game went back and forth to start the second half but Johnson County's lead was never challenged. Baltimore City would repeatedly bring it within 6 points but Johnson County found a way to respond. With less than 12 minutes to play Baltimore City made enough plays to get within 4 points. They were on the cusp of bringing it closer for the next several minutes but couldn't quite get it done. This was until Baltimore City tied the game at 60-60 with just 6

minutes to play. Johnson County's comfortable lead was dissipated and there was a whole new level of energy in the game. Baltimore City took their first lead of the game shortly after, and stormed forward. They went on a 10-0 run and the score ended up 72-62 with less than 2 minutes to play. Johnson County scrambled to get any points that they could. Baltimore City did a good job with their delay game but Johnson County didn't have enough time to close the gap. **FINAL SCORE: Baltimore City 74, Johnson County 65.**

GAME LEADERS FOR JOHNSON COUNTY:

Christian Hildebrandt, 6'3" FR, 20 pts, 10 rbs

Justin Leathers, 6'5" SO, 19 pts

Quasim Jones, 6'1" SO, 10 pts

GAME LEADERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY:

Sean Farr, 6'4" FR, 20 pts

Theodore West, 6'5" SO, 12 pts

Carlos Smith, 6'8" SO, 9 pts, 11 rbs