

NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

#7 LOUISBURG COLLEGE
(Louisburg, NC)
VS
#1 MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
(Flint, MI)

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Danville, IL- Game 16 of the NJCAA DII Men's Basketball National Tournament featured #8 seeded Louisburg College vs. #1 seeded Mott Community College. Louisburg comes into this game with a first round victory over Iowa Central Community College. Mott advanced after a first round win over Danville Area Community College. The winner will keep their national championship hopes alive.

Not much scoring took place in the opening minutes of the contest. The score was 2-2 after over 3 minutes of play. Mott scored 1 field goal in the first 6 minutes of the game. Louisburg took a short lead early on. They were playing tough defense and kept Mott from getting any inside game going. Eventually Mott scored some transition baskets to take a 15-12 lead with less than 10 minutes left in the half. The maintained the lead and slowly built it to a respectable amount. John Taylor started to take the game over offensively for Mott with 11 early points. His team fed off his energy and Mott defended better in the latter part of the half. By the 6 minute mark, Mott held a 25-14 lead. Louisburg was momentarily flustered and Mott built a lead as big as 13 points. Louisburg kept their composure and slowed Mott's run. John Taylor continued to be a big scoring force to keep his team ahead by at least 10 points at the break. **HALFTIME SCORE: Mott 34, Louisburg 23.**

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR LOUISBURG:

Tyquan Roberts, 6'5" FR, 7 pts

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR MOTT:

John Taylor, 6'1" SO, 17 pts

Ralph Eason, 6'1" FR, 8 pts

Mott started the second half off hot on a 6-0 run. Louisburg didn't score until nearly 4 minutes into the half. The game was appearing to get out of hand for Louisburg after just 5 minutes. Mott sprung to a 45-25 lead with a lot of game yet to play. The intensity didn't die down, even with Mott's 20 point lead. Louisburg continued to play hard but was struggling to get any shots to go down for several minutes. Louisburg eventually got enough defensive stops and shots to

fall to spark a run and cut the lead to 12 points midway through the half. The scoring margin remained unchanged for the next several minutes. Virtually every time Louisburg would show some semblance of a run, John Taylor would make an outstanding offensive play. Mott maintained and Louisburg never closed the gap. Mott coasted to a victory. **FINAL SCORE: Mott 72, Louisburg 57.**

With the win, Mott will advance in the championship bracket to play the winner of Lakeland Community College vs. South Mountain College on Friday at 8:00pm. Louisburg will continue to play in the consolation bracket vs. the loser of the aforementioned game on Friday at 3:00pm.

GAME LEADERS FOR LOUISBURG:

Tyquan Roberts, 6'5" FR, 12 pts, 7 rbs

Joe Goodwin, 6'5" FR, 7 pts

GAME LEADERS FOR MOTT:

John Taylor, 6'1" SO, 38 pts, 4 asst.

Ralph Eason, 6'1" FR, 13 pts, 7 rbs

Walter Davis, 6'5" SO, 10 pts, 10 rbs