

NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Danville, IL)

VS

GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Grand Rapids, MI)

For immediate release:

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Danville, IL- Game 19 featured a consolation bracket game between Danville Area Community College and Grand Rapids Community College. Danville lost their first round game to top seeded Mott Community College and got a consolation win over Iowa Central Community College. Grand Rapids fell short to South Mountain College in the first round and defeated Bismarck State College in their first consolation game.

Danville got a short lead early on in the contest and it was maintained throughout the majority of the first half. Danville had the apparent size advantage but Grand Rapids used their quickness and instincts to their advantage. Grand Rapids was toe-to-toe with the bigger and stronger Danville on rebounding. Danville's lead got to as many as 8 points but Grand Rapids continually closed it back it back up, although they were never able to take the lead. Grand Rapids hit 5 of 10 3-point shots in the first half to keep the game interesting. The closest Grand Rapids got down the stretch of the first half was 4 points. Cody Owen hit some big shots for Danville late in the half to build on their momentum. That helped Danville maintain their lead heading into the break. **HALFTIME SCORE: Danville 30, Grand Rapids 25.**

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR DANVILLE:

Evan Blackmon, 6'1" FR, 7 pts

Bobby Blackwell, 6'4" FR, 7 pts

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR GRAND RAPIDS:

Tyler Krim, 10 pts, 6'5" FR, 5 rbs

Jimmy Carroll Jr., 5'10" SO, 6 pts

Grand Rapids came out in the second half with a purpose. They manufactured a run to take a 35-34 lead just 5 minutes into the half. From that point the lead would exchange hands several times but neither team would be able to distance themselves from the other for the majority of the second half. With around 5 minutes to play, Danville put together a run to take a 53-46 lead. Grand Rapids looked frazzled and was making some uncharacteristic turnovers. Danville continued to capitalize and kept their lead as the clock winded down to 2 minutes left. At this

point Grand Rapids tried to devise a plan to round up some quick points and get back in the game. Danville implemented their delay game and Grand Rapids was forced to foul, down 55-50 with not much less than 2 minutes left. Ultimately, Grand Rapids couldn't get enough shots to fall and Danville made enough free throws to seal the victory without much struggle. **FINAL SCORE: Danville 62, Grand Rapids 54.**

With the win, Danville Area Community College will advance in the consolation bracket to play Erie Community College on Saturday at 12:00pm to compete for a 7th or 8th place finish in the tournament. With the loss, Grand Rapids Community College has been eliminated from the tournament.

GAME LEADERS FOR DANVILLE:

Evan Blackmon, 6'1" FR, 14 pts
Nyree Robinson, 6'3" FR, 14 pts
Shea Sumpter, 6'6" SO, 7 pts, 9 rbs
Brandon Demmings, 6'1" SO, 3 pts, 10 rbs

GAME LEADERS FOR GRAND RAPIDS:

Tyler Krim, 6'5" FR, 15 pts, 8 rbs
Jimmy Carroll Jr., 5'10" SO, 15 pts
Micah gates, 6'4" FR, 8 pts, 8 rbs