

NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Buffalo, NY)

VS

DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Danville, IL)

For immediate release:

Saturday, March 24, 2012

Danville, IL- Game 23 featured a consolation game between Erie Community College and Danville Area Community College. The winner will earn a 7th place finish in the tournament and the loser will finish in 8th place. Both teams lost their first round games but have won 2 games in a row to guarantee a placed finish in the tournament.

Erie's up-tempo style of basketball did not seem to phase Danville early on in the game. Danville jumped out to 4-0 lead right out of the gate. Erie remained close but Danville was in control. By the midway point in the half Danville expanded their lead to 6 points. Erie had relentless full-court defensive pressure and trapped every chance they could. Danville handled the pressure well for most of the half to maintain their lead. Erie finally got some offense going and came within 1 point with around 5 minutes left in the half. Turnovers proved to be a huge issue for Erie with 14 in the first half. As a result, Danville swung right back and they never gave up the lead in the first half. The lead expanded to as many as 7 points. Erie hit a 3-pointer in the closing minute of the half to close Danville's lead to 4 points at the break. **HALFTIME SCORE: Danville 37, Erie 33.**

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR ERIE:

Brandon Emmitt, 6'0" SO, 6 pts

Dequan Jones, 6'5" SO, 5 pts

1ST HALF LEADERS FOR DANVILLE:

Evan Blackmon, 6'1" FR, 9 pts, 5 rbs

Nyree Robinson, 6'3" FR, 8 pts

Danville maintained their lead early on but some big shots pulled Erie within 1 point after 6 minutes in the second half. They went on to take the lead within the next 2 minutes. The lead swapped several times throughout the majority of the half from this point on. With less than 5 minutes to play Erie had a streak of great possessions to go up 61-55 for Erie's biggest lead of the game. Danville closed the gap but couldn't get any closer than 1 point from the lead. Erie had the ball with a 1 point lead with 30 seconds to play and had a costly turnover. Danville took

advantage and scored to take a 62-61 lead with 20 seconds remaining. Erie called at timeout with 15 seconds to draw up a play to win the game at the buzzer. Danville's defense was suffocating and Erie had to burn another timeout with 5 seconds to draw up a new play. They were successful as they found Eyimofee Edukugho wide open under the hoop for an easy lay-up with 1.8 seconds remaining, taking a 63-62 lead. Danville tried a Hail Mary pass for last chance effort but was unsuccessful. **FINAL SCORE: Erie 63, Danville 62.**

With the win, Erie Community College earns a 7th place finish in the NJCAA National Tournament. With the loss, Danville Area Community College earns an 8th place finish in the tournament.

GAME LEADERS FOR ERIE:

Haruna Sule, 6'1" SO, 12 pts

Dequan Jones, 6'5" SO, 11 pts

Anthony Mason, 6'5" SO, 8 pts, 9 rbs

GAME LEADERS FOR DANVILLE:

Shea Sumpter, 6'6" SO, 16 pts, 11 rbs

Brandon Demmings, 6'1" SO, 13 pts

Nyree Robinson, 6'3" FR, 10 pts