

## NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

### BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(Baltimore, MD)

VS

### LOUISBURG COLLEGE

(Louisburg, NC)

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*Danville, IL-* Game 24 featured a consolation bracket match-up between Baltimore City Community College and Louisburg College. The game decides who will finish 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the tournament. Both teams lost in the second round of the tournament and won a consolation game to ensure a placed finish in the tournament.

This was an interesting match-up as the teams have similar size and athleticism. The scoring was relatively balanced. The game was back and forth early on with neither team getting any significant separation. By the 13 minute mark, Louisburg scrambled up a 7 point lead. Their scoring run peaked their lead at 10 points by the midway point of the half. Baltimore City made enough plays to keep the game within reach. However, there were several easy plays at the rim that they couldn't finish to get them over the hump. Unfinished plays, coupled with turnovers, let the lead get out of hand for Baltimore City. Louisburg gained the momentum and hit some big shots to capitalize on Baltimore City's mistakes. With just over 2 minutes remaining in the half, Louisburg held a 44-30 lead. Louisburg carried that lead for the final 2 minutes of the half for a big advantage at the break. **HALFTIME SCORE: Louisburg 50, Baltimore City 36.**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> HALF LEADERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY:**

Sean Farr, 6'4" FR, 10 pts, 5 rbs

Zafir Williams, 6'0" FR, 10 pts

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> HALF LEADERS FOR LOUISBURG:**

Josh Hicks, 6'2" SO, 8 pts

Joe Goodwin, 6'5" FR, 8 pts

Baltimore City had big scoring efforts from Zafir Williams and Sean Farr to start the second half. Unfortunately for Baltimore City, Louisburg's scoring attack was just as fluent. Louisburg maintained their lead and it was rarely challenged until the latter part of the second half. Baltimore City tightened up their defense to force some Louisburg turnovers. They made some big offensive plays, led by Christian Diboko, to shrink Louisburg's lead to 69-62 with 6 minutes

remaining. Louisburg got their lead back north of 10 points with 3 minutes to play. Baltimore City did not quit fighting and cut it 7 points after some key offensive rebounds and put backs. Although Baltimore City found a scoring groove, Louisburg continued to score a high volume of points as well. The lead margin never got below 10 points for Louisburg. Baltimore City fought hard until the end but couldn't get close enough to strike for the win. **FINAL SCORE: Louisburg 85, Baltimore City 72.**

With the win, Louisburg College earns a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the NJCAA DII Men's Basketball National Tournament. Baltimore City Community College earns a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in the tournament.

**GAME LEADERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY:**

Zafir Williams, 6'0" FR, 22 pts

Sean Farr, 6'4" FR, 20 pts, 9 rbs

Christian Diboko, 6'5" SO, 12 pts

**GAME LEADERS FOR LOUISBURG:**

Joe Goodwin, 6'5" FR, 16 pts

Antonio Robinson, 6'4" FR, 15 pts

Josh Hicks, 6'2" SO, 12 pts