

NCAA DIVISION II ELITE EIGHT QUARTERFINAL CAPSULE



Quarterfinal Game #3

March 25, 2015 at Ford Center, Evansville, Ind., 6 p.m., Central time

#1 Florida Southern (South Regional champion) vs. Southern New Hampshire (East Regional champion)

Florida Southern (33-1, 15-1, won Sunshine State Conference regular season and tournament titles)

Head Coach: Linc Darner (9th year at FSC, record of 215-72 at school; 289-117 overall)
NCAA Bid: Automatic (Sunshine State Conference champion)
NCAA Record: 41-30, 29th appearance (last in 2014, lost to Tuskegee 98-95 in first round of regional)
Vs. Top 25 Teams: 6-1
2015 NCAA Tournament Results: Beat Benedict 89-68, West Georgia 84-81 & Lynn 88-80 to win South Regional.
Vs. NCAA Field: 11-1

Probable Starters:	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	Honors
00 Kevin Capers, 6-2, Sr.	21.1	4.4	3.9	2.2	Sunshine State Conf. Player of Year
1 Tyler Logan, 6-3, Sr.	6.2	3.1	2.2	0.9	
4 Bubby Johnson, 6-8, Sr.	6.1	6.6	0.7	0.7	
14 Tyler Kelly, 6-2, Sr.	10.0	4.1	3.7	0.9	Second team All-SSC
30 Stephen Battle, 6-5, Sr.	13.0	4.9	1.0	0.7	Second team All-SSC

Southern New Hampshire (23-7, 17-4, won Northeast 10 Conference Northeast Division title)

Head Coach: Stan Spirou (30th year at SNHU, record of 590-308 at school and overall)
NCAA Bid: At-Large
NCAA Record: 26-17, 18th appearance (last in 2013, lost to Assumption 73-65 in first round of regional)
Vs. Top 25 Teams: 2-0
2015 NCAA Tournament Results: Beat Stonehill 71-59, University of the Sciences 59-53 & Southern Connecticut State 75-58 to win East Regional.
Vs. NCAA Field: 8-3

Probable Starters:	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	Honors
00 Elijah Bonsignore, 6-6, Sr.	15.5	6.2	1.8	0.6	Second team All-Northeast 10
10 Adrian Oliveira, 6-0, So.	5.6	1.6	2.7	0.4	
11 Aleksandar Dobrovic, 6-5, Sr.	8.8	5.3	2.4	1.7	
22 BJ Cardarelli, 6-7, Jr.	10.4	4.7	0.9	0.8	
24 Rodney Sanders, 6-3, Jr.	17.5	5.0	2.9	1.5	First team All-Northeast 10

Game Notes:

Florida Southern, the top-ranked team in Division II, is the third straight No. 1-ranked team to reach the Elite Eight and 18th since 1989. Of the prior 17, only four have gone on to win the national title – the last was Findlay in 2009. This year marks FSC's 10th national quarterfinal appearance and it has advanced on six of the previous nine occasions.

Southern New Hampshire is making its seventh trip to the Elite Eight and first since 1995, when it fell to eventual champion Southern Indiana. The Penmen have won twice in the quarterfinal round, doing so in 1993 and 1994. SNHU's win over Southern Connecticut State in the East Regional final eliminated the last school that participated in the Elite Eight a year ago – only the second that has happened under the current format (the other was 1998).

The Moccasins enter the Elite Eight sporting a 22-game winning streak and is the only team in the field that won its conference tournament. It is the eighth time in the last nine years that a team has entered the Elite Eight with a winning streak of 20 or more games. FSC is also one of a record five 30-win teams in this year's Elite Eight field.

SNHU is eighth in the nation in field goal percentage defense, largely in part due to the presence of Elijah Bonsignore under the basket. Bonsignore has the second-most blocks of any player in the Elite Eight contingent with 64.

With its average of 88.7 points per game, Florida Southern is the highest scoring team playing in Evansville. Its top scorer, Kevin Capers, has the second-most career points of any player this year in Division II with 2,250.

Breaking down the teams (NCAA Division II Ranking)

	FSC	SNHU
Scoring Offense:	88.7 (5)	75.5 (115)
Scoring Defense:	74.5 (187)	65.0 (26)
Scoring Margin:	+14.2 (10)	+10.5 (29)
Rebounding Margin:	-1.2 (199)	+2.0 (110)
Assist-to-Turnover Ratio:	1.45 (14)	1.19 (59)
Longest Winning Streak:	22 (current)	7

