

# NCAA DIVISION II ELITE EIGHT QUARTERFINAL CAPSULE



## Quarterfinal Game #4

March 25, 2015 at Ford Center, Evansville, Ind., 8:30 p.m., Central time

### #4 Minnesota State-Moorhead (Central Regional champion) vs. #3 Bellarmine (Midwest Regional champion)

#### Minnesota State-Moorhead (35-3, 20-2, won Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference North Division title)

**Head Coach:** Chad Walthall (5<sup>th</sup> year at MSUM, record of 111-44 at school; 151-72 overall)  
**NCAA Bid:** At-Large  
**NCAA Record:** 5-2, 3<sup>rd</sup> appearance (last in 2012, lost to Colorado Mines 80-60 in regional semifinals)  
**Vs. Top 25 Teams:** 2-2  
**2015 NCAA Tournament Results:** Beat Pittsburg State 80-68, Central Missouri 71-60 & Northwest Missouri State 47-42 to win Central Regional.

**Vs. NCAA Field:** 9-2

Probable Starters:	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	Honors
2 Jordan Riewer, 6-2, Sr.	16.4	4.7	5.7	1.3	Northern Sun Co-Player of Year
5 Prescott Williams, 6-4, Sr.	7.1	4.8	1.8	0.9	
14 Aaron Lien, 6-4, So.	12.3	3.9	1.2	0.4	Second team All-NSIC
22 Tyler Vaughan, 6-1, Jr.	10.7	4.1	2.6	1.4	
55 Isaac Sevlie, 6-9, Jr.	12.5	4.0	0.4	0.5	First team All-NSIC

#### Bellarmine (30-3, 17-1, tied for first in Great Lakes Valley Conference East Division in regular season)

**Head Coach:** Scott Davenport (11<sup>th</sup> year at BU, record of 231-81 at school and overall)  
**NCAA Bid:** At-Large  
**NCAA Record:** 24-17, 16<sup>th</sup> appearance (last in 2014, lost to Indianapolis 80-75 in first round of regional)  
**Vs. Top 25 Teams:** 7-1  
**2015 NCAA Tournament Results:** Beat Drury 84-60, Lake Superior State 85-59 & Indianapolis 81-72 to win Midwest Regional.  
**Vs. NCAA Field:** 9-3

Probable Starters:	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	Honors
3 Chris Whitehead, 5-9, Sr.	14.5	3.1	5.3	2.0	First team All-GLVC
4 George Suggs, 6-10, Jr.	8.5	3.2	1.5	0.7	
5 Rusty Troutman, 6-5, So.	11.3	5.5	2.7	1.0	
12 Jake Thelen, 6-7, Sr.	18.5	10.5	2.5	0.7	Great Lakes Valley Conf. Player of Year
33 Josh Derksen, 6-9, So.	11.5	3.0	1.0	0.4	

#### Game Notes:

Minnesota State-Moorhead is making its first Elite Eight appearance after winning the Central Regional and is the only team among the eight to beat three teams from the same conference to do so. The fourth-ranked Dragons knocked off Pittsburg State, defending champion Central Missouri and Northwest Missouri State from the MIAA to capture the regional title.

Bellarmine returns to the Elite Eight for the first time in three years and is in the event for the third time. The Knights, ranked third in the final poll, won their quarterfinal game in both prior trips. In its most recent in 2012, it played in the last quarterfinal game between two teams ranked among the top four nationally (vs. Alabama-Huntsville), which it will do again in this year's quarterfinal round.

MSU-Moorhead has the most wins, 35, of any team entering the Elite Eight since Winona State had 36 in 2008; it would tie Winona's mark if it win the national championship. The Dragons are paced by their three-point shooting, with a national-high 372 treys, and Division II's best assist-to-turnover ratio of 1.85-to-1.

Bellarmine enters the Elite Eight as the nation's top field goal shooting team at 53.4 percent – a subject broached in a New York Times article published during the season – while holding opponents to 39.5 percent, seventh-best in the nation. Jake Thelen is third nationally in field goal percentage at 66.7 percent and has recorded 17 double-doubles.

Thelen also ranks third on the active career field goal percentage list at 67.9 percent, while the Dragons' Jordan Riewer is the top active free throw shooters with a mark of 93.6 percent (292-of-312).

#### Breaking down the teams (NCAA Division II Ranking)

	MSUM	BU
<b>Scoring Offense:</b>	82.9 (23)	81.0 (39)
<b>Scoring Defense:</b>	66.1 (35)	67.5 (60)
<b>Scoring Margin:</b>	+16.8 (4)	+13.5 (11)
<b>Rebounding Margin:</b>	+4.0 (55)	+5.0 (34)
<b>Assist-to-Turnover Ratio:</b>	1.85 (1)	1.24 (48)
<b>Longest Winning Streak:</b>	13	15

