



NCAA Division II Elite Eight Capsule

Semifinal Game #2

Thurs., March 25, 2021 • Ford Center • Evansville, Ind. • 8:45 p.m.
Telecast on CBS Sports Network

Northwest Missouri State (#2 seed)



Head Coach: Ben McCollum (12th year)
Overall Record: 26-2
Conference Record: 21-1 (won Mid-America Intercollegiate Ath. Assoc. regular season, 2nd in tournament)
vs. Top 25 Teams: 4-1
vs. 2020-21 NCAA Field: 6-2
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 32-20
NCAA Appearance: 21st (6th Elite Eight, first appearance since 2019)
Longest Winning Streak: 18 (Jan. 9-March 5)

Probable Starters:

No.	Name	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	AST	STL	Hometown
1	Diego Bernard	6-0	Jr.	11.9	6.1	97	40	St. Joseph, Mo.
10	Wes Dreamer	6-7	So.	8.0	4.4	30	22	Alvo, Neb.
12	Trevor Hudgins	6-0	Jr.	20.2	2.5	132	36	Manhattan, Kan.
33	Ryan Hawkins	6-7	Sr.	22.4	8.4	66	52	Atlantic, Iowa
42	Luke Waters	6-6	So.	9.5	2.4	20	12	Olathe, Kan.

2021 NCAA Tournament Results (Central Regional)

Semifinals:
def. Washburn 85-44
Championship Game:
def. Northern State 91-86 (OT)
Elite Eight Quarterfinals:
def. West Liberty 98-77

Notes:

Northwest Missouri State is in its third Elite Eight since 2017 and has won the Division II title in its previous two, beating Fairmont State in 2017 and Point Loma in 2019. ... The Bearcats, who have a record of 154-8 since that first national title season, lead the nation in field goal percentage at 53.7 percent while also ranking third in three-point shooting (42.7 percent) and seventh at the free throw line (80 percent). ... Ryan Hawkins had 32 points (11-14 from field, 6-8 from three) in the quarterfinal win over West Liberty for his seventh game with at least 30 points this season. ... Trevor Hudgins, the most outstanding player at the 2019 Elite Eight, scored 27 points in the second half and overtime in the Central Regional final to help the Bearcats erase an 11-point deficit with 3:01 remaining. ... The Bearcats have won their last seven games played at the Elite Eight.

Flagler (#3 seed)



Head Coach: Chad Warner (4th year)
Overall Record: 18-2
Conference Record: 11-1 (won Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament)
vs. Top 25 Teams: 3-0
vs. 2020-21 NCAA Field: 5-0
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 3-0
NCAA Appearance: 1st (1st Elite Eight)
Longest Winning Streak: 16 (Jan. 9-present, longest active winning streak in Division II)

Probable Starters:

No.	Name	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	AST	STL	Hometown
1	Derrick Ellis, Jr.	5-11	Sr.	10.3	3.3	86	28	Hartford, Conn.
3	Marcus Henderson	6-2	So.	10.2	3.3	25	20	Charlotte, N.C.
4	Jaizec Lottie	6-2	Sr.	24.9	6.2	96	37	Aurora, Colo.
15	Chris Metzger	6-7	Sr.	12.2	6.3	28	13	Plantation, Fla.
23	Jalen Barr	6-4	So.	9.5	7.8	14	31	Charlotte, N.C.

2021 NCAA Tournament Results (South Regional)

Semifinals:
def. West Georgia 69-53
Championship Game:
def. Alabama Huntsville 89-75
Elite Eight Quarterfinals:
def. Truman State 70-69

Notes:

Flagler continued its season of firsts with its quarterfinal win over Truman State -- first team to reach the Elite Eight in its NCAA Tournament and now first to make the semifinals in its inaugural appearance since Lynn in 1997. ... The Saints have won their last 16 games; their other two wins came over Division I Central Michigan and North Florida in December. ... The Saints have held opposing teams to 39.4 percent shooting, the seventh-best mark in Division II. ... Jaizec Lottie, named Player of the Year in the Peach Belt Conference, is the nation's seventh-leading scorer with an average of 24.9 points per game; he had 29 in the win over Truman and has eight 30-point game of the season. ... Chris Metzger is second in the nation in field goal percentage at 72.3 percent. ... Flagler is the first semifinalist from the Peach Belt Conference since USC Aiken in 2014.