

NCAA DIVISION II ELITE EIGHT SEMIFINAL CAPSULE



Semifinal Game #1

March 26, 2015 at Ford Center, Evansville, Ind., 6 p.m., Central time

#25 Indiana, Pa. (Atlantic Regional champion) vs. #7 Tarleton State (South Central Regional champion)

Indiana, Pa. (30-6, 17-5, finished second in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference West Division in regular season)

Head Coach: Joe Lombardi (9th year at IUP, record of 203-75 at school and overall)
NCAA Bid: At-Large
NCAA Record: 28-13, 14th appearance (last in 2014, lost to West Liberty 86-83, 3OT, in regional semifinals)
Vs. Top 25 Teams: 2-0
2015 NCAA Tournament Results: Beat Glenville State 73-52, Slippery Rock 73-65 & West Liberty 77-74 to win Atlantic Regional; beat Azusa Pacific 69-65 in quarterfinals.

Vs. NCAA Field: 8-5

Probable Starters:	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	Honors
3 Devante Chance, 5-11, Sr.	16.6	3.9	5.8	1.8	PSAC West Player of the Year
11 Jeremy Jeffers, 6-6, Sr.	8.3	2.9	1.9	0.6	
21 Devon Cottrell, 6-7, Jr.	3.7	4.6	0.3	0.3	
22 Shawn Dyer, 6-0, Gr.	14.0	5.5	2.1	1.3	Second team All-PSAC West
23 Brandon Norfleet, 6-5, Jr.	11.6	4.3	3.1	1.2	

Tarleton State (31-3, 12-2, won Lone Star Conference regular season title)

Head Coach: Lonn Reisman (27th year at TSU, record of 589-232 at school; 610-242 overall)
NCAA Bid: At-Large
NCAA Record: 19-11, 12th appearance (last in 2014, lost to Midwestern State 74-68 in regional semifinals)
Vs. Top 25 Teams: 7-1
2015 NCAA Tournament Results: Beat St. Mary's 71-52, Colorado-Colorado Springs 84-62 & Angelo State 66-64 to win South Central Regional; beat Mount Olive 77-59 in quarterfinals.

Vs. NCAA Field: 11-3

Probable Starters:	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	Honors
3 EJ Reed, 6-6, Jr.	8.6	3.6	0.7	0.7	
4 Nosa Ebonwonyi, 6-4, Fr.	5.7	2.9	0.9	0.6	
22 Mo Lee, 6-3, Sr.	15.2	4.8	2.8	1.1	First-team All-LSC
24 Michael Hardge, 5-11, Jr.	10.5	2.5	3.5	1.3	Second-team All-LSC
40 Davene Carter, 6-6, Sr.	7.0	4.6	0.2	0.3	

Game Notes:

Indiana (Pa.) and Tarleton State are meeting for the first time ever in their national quarterfinal matchup.

IUP is in the semifinal round for the first time since 2010, when it beat St. Cloud State 76-70 to reach the national championship game (it lost to Cal Poly Pomona). The other two semifinal appearances for the Crimson Hawks came in 1995 and 2002.

Tarleton State reached the national semifinals in 2005, where it lost to Bryant 60-55. The 18-point win recorded by the Texans in the semifinal round marked the third straight season in which a team won a quarterfinal round game by at least 18 points.

The Crimson Hawks, who got 17 points from Devante Chance in its 69-65 win over Azusa Pacific, have won 10 of their last 11 games.

Tarleton State had a balanced scoring effort in the 77-59 win over Mount Olive, led by Mo Lee's 15 points. Lee's three-point basket with 9:34 to play sparked a decisive 11-0 run, as the Texans extended a four-point lead to 15.

IUP's Shawn Dyer is playing in the national semifinals for the third straight year; he played in this round in the last two seasons at West Liberty.

Breaking down the teams (NCAA Division II Ranking)

	IUP	TSU
Scoring Offense:	74.4 (125)	74.9 (129)
Scoring Defense:	62.2 (8)	60.2 (3)
Scoring Margin:	+12.8 (14)	+14.7 (9)
Rebounding Margin:	+4.5 (48)	+5.0 (34)
Assist-to-Turnover Ratio:	1.17 (63)	0.96 (166)
Longest Winning Streak:	8	14

