



NCAA Division II Elite Eight Capsule

Quarterfinal Game #2

Wed., March 27, 2019 • Ford Center • Evansville, Ind. • 2:30 p.m.
Webcast on NCAA.com

Northwest Missouri State Bearcats (#1 seed)



Head Coach: Ben McCollum (10th year at Northwest Missouri State)
Overall Record: 35-0
Conference Record: 19-0 (won Mid-American Intercollegiate Ath. Assoc. regular season and tournament)
vs. Top 25 Teams: 2-0
vs. 2018-19 NCAA Field: 8-0
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 26-20
NCAA Appearance: 19th (5th Elite Eight, first appearance since 2017)
Longest Winning Streak: 35 (current; began on Nov. 3 and is longest active streak in NCAA Division II)

Northwest Missouri State Probable Starters:

No.	Name	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	AST	STL	Hometown
1	Diego Bernard	6-0	Fr.	11.8	4.9	72	35	St. Joseph, MO
12	Trevor Hudgins	6-0	R-Fr.	18.7	2.4	190	45	Manhattan, KS
30	Joey Witthus	6-7	Sr.	21.5	4.1	84	30	Chanhassen, MN
33	Ryan Hawkins	6-7	So.	14.1	8.7	35	76	Atlantic, IA
44	Ryan Welty	6-8	Jr.	8.2	4.8	25	18	Parkville, MO

2019 NCAA Tournament Results (Central Regional)

Quarterfinals:
def. Minnesota State 91-62
Semifinals:
def. Southern Nazarene 70-59
Championship Game:
def. Missouri Southern 82-70

Notes:

Northwest Missouri State is in the Elite Eight for the second time in three years -- its last trip ended with the school's first national title. ... Northwest is seeking to become the first team since 2009 (Findlay) to complete a perfect season; if it succeeds, it would tie the Division II record for wins in a season. ... The Bearcats lead the nation in scoring margin at plus 21.5 points per game and have committed just 7.8 turnovers per game, the fewest of any team in the country. ... Trevor Hudgins is scoring 18.7 points per game -- second to Joey Witthus' 21.5 -- and owns Division II's eighth-best assist-to-turnover ratio of 3.22. ... Northwest is shooting 41.4 percent from three-point range, fifth-best in the nation, led by a 49 percent mark by Ryan Welty. ... The Bearcats were ranked either first or second in both polls (NABC and D2SIDA) in every weekly ranking during the 2018-19 season.

Mercyhurst Lakers (#8 seed)



Head Coach: Gary Manchel (15th year at Mercyhurst; 24th season overall)
Overall Record: 26-7
Conference Record: 15-6 (finished second in Pennsylvania State Ath. Conference tournament)
vs. Top 25 Teams: 3-3
vs. 2018-19 NCAA Field: 6-3
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 4-2
NCAA Appearance: 3rd (1st Elite Eight)
Longest Winning Streak: 8 (Jan. 12-Feb. 6)

Mercyhurst Probable Starters:

No.	Name	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	AST	STL	Hometown
0	Miykah McIntosh	5-11	Fr.	8.0	1.9	51	26	Pickering, ON
1	Derrick Ellis, Jr.	5-11	So.	7.1	2.7	136	48	Hartford, CT
11	Nelson Maxwell	6-0	Sr.	10.9	2.1	72	48	Cleveland, OH
25	Jason Massey	6-4	Gr.	16.0	6.7	47	30	Cooper City, FL
33	Patrick Smith	6-5	Sr.	9.5	9.3	51	48	Cheverly, MD

2019 NCAA Tournament Results (Atlantic Regional)

Quarterfinals:
def. Fairmont State 63-60
Semifinals:
def. Indiana (Pa.) 75-65
Championship Game:
def. West Liberty 82-70

Notes:

Mercyhurst, in just its second NCAA Tournament appearance, landed its first Elite Eight berth by knocking out the top two seeds to win the Atlantic Regional. ... The Lakers own three wins over teams that were ranked in the top 10 at the time of the game -- two of the wins coming over Indiana (Pa.) -- which are the most of any team in the Elite Eight field. ... Defense has been the calling card to Mercyhurst's success as it has held teams to just 60.9 points per game, the second-best mark in the NCAA Division II ranks. ... In its regional title win over West Liberty, the Lakers held the nation's highest scoring team to 70 points, WLU's least in a game all season. ... Patrick Smith, who averages 9.3 rebounds per game, has pulled down 4.4 per game on the offensive end, which is the third-most in the nation.