

NCAA DIVISION II ELITE EIGHT TOURNAMENT CAPSULE: Quarterfinal Game #1

March 23, 2016 at Dr. Pepper Arena, Frisco, Texas, 12 p.m., Central Time

#1 seed Lincoln Memorial

Head Coach: Josh Schertz (8th season)
Overall Record: 32-2
Conference Record: 22-0 (South Atlantic Conference)
vs. Top 25 Teams: 3-1
vs. NCAA Field: 10-2
NCAA Record: 7-5
NCAA Appearance: 6th (1st Elite Eight)
Last Appearance: 2015

2016 Tournament Results (Southeast Regional):

Reg. Quarterfinals: Def. Lander 98-71
Reg. Semifinals: Def. Queens (N.C.) 95-67
Reg. Championship: Def. Lenoir-Rhyne 103-80

Probable Starters:

	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
#12 Gerel Simmons	6-2	Sr.	20.6	4.1
#15 Dorian Pinson	6-5	So.	9.9	7.2
#20 Luquon Choice	6-3	Jr.	17.1	4.3
#24 Jalen Steele	6-3	Sr.	16.9	4.3
#33 Emanuel Terry	6-9	So.	6.8	5.6

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Game Notes:

Lincoln Memorial was the last of the five teams in this year's Elite Eight to hold the No. 1 ranking in the NABC coaches poll, gaining that ranking in the year's final poll. The Railsplitters, who made the field by winning their regional championship, have held the nation's top ranking at least once in each of the last two years.

LMU has defeated its opponents by an average of 20.2 points per game – the highest margin in the nation – and ranks second in Division II in scoring with an average of 96.6 points per game. It is also the best three-point shooting team in the country at 44.6 percent on the year, headed by Luquon Choice at 48.6 percent (119 made), Gerel Simmons at 48.4 percent (78 made) and Jalen Steele at 43.7 percent (114 made); the Railsplitters have made 382 three-point shots this season. Choice and Steele rank second and fourth in the nation, respectively, in three-pointers per game and own LMU's top two single-season marks in that department.

In addition to its offensive numbers, Lincoln Memorial is also seventh nationally in rebounding margin at plus 7.8 per game and ninth with 5.1 blocked shots per contest.

The Railsplitters finished the season with a 22-game winning streak – LMU's only losses were on the road to NCAA Tournament participants King and Bellarmine – and went 27-0 in games against teams from the South Atlantic Conference during the year.

#8 seed Barry

Head Coach: Butch Estes (3rd season)
Overall Record: 26-6
Conference Record: 12-4 (Sunshine State Conference)
vs. Top 25 Teams: 1-2
vs. NCAA Field: 8-3
NCAA Record: 5-5
NCAA Appearance: 6th (1st Elite Eight)
Last Appearance: 2015

2016 Tournament Results (South Regional):

Reg. Quarterfinals: Def. Rollins 107-92
Reg. Semifinals: Def. Union 74-65
Reg. Championship: Def. Alabama-Huntsville 87-83

Probable Starters:

	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
#5 Undra Mitchem	6-2	Jr.	10.5	3.8
#10 Elvar Fridriksson	6-0	So.	10.8	2.9
#14 Anders Haas	6-1	Sr.	12.9	4.2
#22 Tray Leonard	6-9	Sr.	11.3	9.2
#23 Yunio Barrueta	6-5	Sr.	24.3	9.1

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Game Notes:

Like its quarterfinal opponent, Lincoln Memorial, Barry won in its first-ever trip to a regional championship game when it knocked off Alabama-Huntsville to capture the South Regional title. The Buccaneers won a school record 26 games this season despite not winning more than six consecutive games in any stretch.

Yunio Barrueta, the ninth-leading scorer in Division II and second-highest among the players in this year's Elite Eight at 24.3 points per game, was on the latest watch list for the Bevo Francis Award and was also the winner of the voting for the State Farm College Slam contest as the "Dark Horse Dunker"; he will participate in that contest next week (March 31) that will be aired on ESPN.

As a team, Barry led the nation in assists per game this season with 20.9 (the Buccaneers averaged 92.9 points per game) and has the national assist leader in Elvar Fridriksson with 8.2 per game on 262 assists. However, it was a trio of three-point shots made by Fridriksson in the final minutes that helped propel the Bucs to the win over Alabama-Huntsville.

The Buccaneers have made a school record 356 three-point shots on the season and Barrueta has made a single-year mark on an individual basis with 103. Meanwhile, Anders Haas ranks eighth in the country with his mark of 89.8 percent at the free throw line – the best of any player in the national quarterfinals.