

NCAA DIVISION II ELITE EIGHT TOURNAMENT CAPSULE: Quarterfinal Game #2

March 23, 2016 at Dr. Pepper Arena, Frisco, Texas, 2:30 p.m., Central Time

#4 seed West Liberty

Head Coach: Jim Crutchfield (11th season)
Overall Record: 30-3
Conference Record: 20-2 (Mountain East Conference)
vs. Top 25 Teams: 3-1
vs. NCAA Field: 7-3
NCAA Record: 23-7
NCAA Appearance: 8th (5th Elite Eight)
Last Appearance: 2015

2016 Tournament Results (Atlantic Regional):

Reg. Quarterfinals: Def. Concord 90-69
Reg. Semifinals: Def. Virginia State 84-74
Reg. Championship: Def. Kutztown 85-64

Probable Starters:

	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
#3 David Dennis Jr.	6-1	Fr.	13.7	5.7
#4 Devin Hoehn	6-2	Jr.	15.6	3.8
#5 Seger Bonifant	6-7	Sr.	25.0	5.1
#22 Zac Grossenbacher	6-8	Jr.	12.5	9.5
#24 Mike Lamberti	6-5	Sr.	8.5	4.4

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Game Notes:

West Liberty is in the Elite Eight for the fifth time – all in the last six campaigns – and again brings the nation’s top scoring offense to the event as the Hilltoppers averaged 99 points per game this season. WLU, one of five teams in the Elite Eight to hold the No. 1 ranking this year, surpassed the 100-point mark on 14 occasions.

Seger Bonifant, one of 25 players on the Bevo Francis Award watch list, is the top scorer among the eight participants in the Elite Eight with an average of 25 points per game; he is sixth in the nation in scoring. Bonifant is also fifth in three-pointers made with 112 and has made them at a 50.5 percent clip, the third-best mark in the nation. In the Atlantic Regional final victory over Kutztown, he became the school’s all-time leading scorers with 2,223 points.

Two of the five projected starters for West Liberty, Devin Hoehn and Mike Lamberti, started for WLU in the 2014 national championship game against Central Missouri. Bonifant also played in that contest and in the quarterfinals that year, went six-of-six from three-point range to help eliminate defending national champion Drury.

West Liberty has connected 400 times from three-point range – hitting 41.2 percent of its attempts --- with 10 different players making at least 13 treys this season.

Zac Grossenbacher has the most blocked shots among the quarterfinal participants with 70 and has also pulled down 9.5 rebounds per game.

#5 seed Stonehill

Head Coach: Chris Kraus
Overall Record: 24-8
Conference Record: 15-6
vs. Top 25 Teams: 0-0
vs. NCAA Field: 7-5
NCAA Record: 16-16
NCAA Appearance: 14th (3rd Elite Eight)
Last Appearance: 2015

2016 Tournament Results (East Regional):

Reg. Quarterfinals: Def. Bentley 78-62
Reg. Semifinals: Def. Southern N.H. 75-74 (OT)
Reg. Championship: Def. Saint Anselm 82-76 (OT)

Probable Starters:

	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
#3 Adam Bramanti	6-3	Sr.	10.7	3.7
#10 Carter Smith	5-10	Sr.	16.3	2.6
#11 Ryan Logan	6-7	Jr.	17.7	8.3
#21 Pierce Cumpstone	6-8	Sr.	14.3	9.7
#22 Isaiah Bess	6-4	So.	7.5	3.3

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Game Notes:

Stonehill returns to the Elite Eight for the first time since 2012 – the Skyhawks are making their third appearance in the national quarterfinals – and in both of its previous trips advanced to the semifinal round. In 2012, Stonehill beat West Liberty, its quarterfinal opponent this year, 91-90 in the Elite Eight in Highland Heights, Ky.

Ryan Logan, who leads the Skyhawks in scoring with an average of 17.7 points per game, scored in double figures in 30 of the team’s 32 games this year. Meanwhile, Carter Smith has averaged 16.3 a game and is shooting 85.7 percent from the free throw line and 44.7 percent from three-point range, while Pierce Cumpstone is the top rebounder among the Elite Eight players with 9.7 per game.

Stonehill is the top free throw shooting team among the eight teams in Frisco, connecting on 75.6 percent of its attempts this season. The Skyhawks made their final six free throws in overtime to clinch the East Regional title, its second overtime win in the NCAA Tournament. Stonehill is the first team to win two overtime games in the same tournament since Central Oklahoma in 2008 and 10th overall.

The Skyhawks are the only team in this year’s Elite Eight field that was not ranked in the top 25 in either of the two national polls at any point during the season.