

NCAA DIVISION II ELITE EIGHT QUARTERFINAL CAPSULE



Quarterfinal Game #2

March 25, 2015 at Ford Center, Evansville, Ind., 2:30 p.m., Central time

#25 Indiana, Pa. (Atlantic Regional champion) vs. #14 Azusa Pacific (West Regional champion)

Indiana, Pa. (29-6, 17-5, finished second in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference West Division in regular season)

Head Coach: Joe Lombardi (9th year at IUP, record of 202-75 at school and overall)
NCAA Bid: At-Large
NCAA Record: 27-13, 14th appearance (last in 2014, lost to West Liberty 86-83, 3OT, in regional semifinals)
Vs. Top 25 Teams: 1-0
2015 NCAA Tournament Results: Beat Glenville State 73-52, Slippery Rock 73-65 & West Liberty 77-74 to win Atlantic Regional.
Vs. NCAA Field: 7-5

Probable Starters:	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	Honors
3 Devante Chance, 5-11, Sr.	16.5	3.8	5.8	1.8	PSAC West Player of the Year
11 Jeremy Jeffers, 6-6, Sr.	8.2	2.9	1.9	0.6	
21 Devon Cottrell, 6-7, Jr.	3.8	4.6	0.3	0.3	Second team All-PSAC West
22 Shawn Dyer, 6-0, Gr.	14.0	5.5	2.1	1.3	
23 Brandon Norfleet, 6-5, Jr.	11.5	4.3	3.1	1.2	

Azusa Pacific (27-5, 17-3, tied for first in Pacific West Conference in regular season)

Head Coach: Justin Leslie (8th year at APU, record of 186-74 at school and overall)
NCAA Bid: At-Large
NCAA Record: 3-0, 1st appearance
Vs. Top 25 Teams: 5-3
2015 NCAA Tournament Results: Beat Western Oregon 75-67, Cal Poly Pomona 77-67 & California Baptist 91-79 to win West Regional.
Vs. NCAA Field: 8-5

Probable Starters:	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	Honors
1 Troy Leaf, 6-1, Sr.	23.5	4.1	3.7	1.2	Pacific West Conf. Player of the Year
3 Robert Sandoval, 6-0, Sr.	10.1	4.0	5.3	1.8	
4 Christian Katuala, 6-5, Sr.	6.4	4.5	0.3	0.3	Second team All-PWC
15 Andy Jones, 6-5, Sr.	3.6	3.1	0.7	0.3	
34 Kevin Stafford, 6-3, Sr.	7.5	1.4	1.2	0.7	

Game Notes:

Indiana is making its first Elite Eight appearance since 2010, when it lost in the national championship game to Cal Poly Pomona and sixth overall. The Crimson Hawks advanced to the semifinal round on three of those prior trips, also doing so in 1995 and 2002.

Azusa Pacific has made the Elite Eight in its first season of NCAA Division II eligibility and second-ever school to do so; Lynn also pulled the feat in 1997. The Cougars are also the first team since Bowie State in 2003 and ninth overall since 1989 to make the national quarterfinals in their first NCAA Tournament appearance.

Indiana has been deadly at the free throw line this season, ranking third in Division II at 78.3 percent. Three regular starters – Devante Chance, Jeremy Jeffers and Brandon Norfleet – are over 80 percent on the year. Norfleet hit the three-point shot with seven seconds remaining to beat four-time Atlantic Regional champ West Liberty to send the Crimson Hawks to Evansville.

The Cougars have only two players who are averaging in double figures, but one of them is Troy Leaf, the nation's seventh-leading scorer. Leaf, whose 23.4 points per game is the most of anyone playing in this year's Elite Eight, averaged 29.7 points during APU's run to the West Regional title.

IUP's Shawn Dyer is playing in his fourth straight Elite Eight, having played the last three at West Liberty. Dyer, who is a graduate student at IUP, led his team with 23 points in the regional final win over WLU.

Breaking down the teams (NCAA Division II Ranking)

	IUP	APU
Scoring Offense:	75.1 (125)	83.8 (18)
Scoring Defense:	62.1 (8)	72.3 (141)
Scoring Margin:	+13.0 (14)	+11.5 (22)
Rebounding Margin:	+4.3 (48)	+4.4 (46)
Assist-to-Turnover Ratio:	1.19 (63)	1.18 (69)
Longest Winning Streak:	8	14

