

NCAA DIVISION II ELITE EIGHT SEMIFINAL CAPSULE



Semifinal Game #2

March 26, 2015 at Ford Center, Evansville, Ind., 8:30 p.m., Central time

#3 Bellarmine (Midwest Regional champion) vs. #1 Florida Southern (South Regional champion)

Bellarmino (31-3, 17-1, tied for first in Great Lakes Valley Conference East Division in regular season)

Head Coach: Scott Davenport (11th year at BU, record of 232-81 at school and overall)

NCAA Bid: At-Large

NCAA Record: 25-17, 16th appearance (last in 2014, lost to Indianapolis 80-75 in first round of regional)

Vs. Top 25 Teams: 8-1

2015 NCAA Tournament Results: Beat Drury 84-60, Lake Superior State 85-59 & Indianapolis 81-72 to win Midwest Regional; beat Minnesota State-Moorhead 92-75 in quarterfinals.

Vs. NCAA Field: 10-3

Probable Starters:	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	Honors
3 Chris Whitehead, 5-9, Sr.	14.7	3.1	5.3	2.0	First team All-GLVC
4 George Suggs, 6-10, Jr.	8.5	3.2	1.5	0.7	
5 Rusty Troutman, 6-5, So.	11.3	5.4	2.7	1.0	
12 Jake Thelen, 6-7, Sr.	18.7	10.5	2.6	0.7	
33 Josh Derksen, 6-9, So.	11.8	3.0	1.0	0.4	Great Lakes Valley Conf. Player of Year

Florida Southern (34-1, 15-1, won Sunshine State Conference regular season and tournament titles)

Head Coach: Linc Darnier (9th year at FSC, record of 216-72 at school; 290-117 overall)

NCAA Bid: Automatic (Sunshine State Conference champion)

NCAA Record: 42-30, 29th appearance (last in 2014, lost to Tuskegee 98-95 in first round of regional)

Vs. Top 25 Teams: 6-1

2015 NCAA Tournament Results: Beat Benedict 89-68, West Georgia 84-81 & Lynn 88-80 to win South Regional; beat Southern New Hampshire 81-70 in quarterfinals.

Vs. NCAA Field: 12-1

Probable Starters:	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	Honors
00 Kevin Capers, 6-2, Sr.	21.3	4.4	4.0	2.3	Sunshine State Conf. Player of Year
1 Tyler Logan, 6-3, Sr.	6.1	3.2	2.2	0.9	
4 Bubby Johnson, 6-8, Sr.	6.2	6.5	0.7	0.8	Second team All-SSC
14 Tyler Kelly, 6-2, Sr.	9.9	4.1	3.6	1.0	
30 Stephen Battle, 6-5, Sr.	12.8	4.9	1.0	0.8	

Game Notes:

Bellarmino and Florida Southern are meeting for the second time this season and third time overall. The Moccasins beat the Knights 101-96 in overtime in Louisville on Dec. 13, behind 25 points from Kevin Capers and 21 from Stephen Battle. Jake Thelen had 29 to lead Bellarmine. The Knights won the other prior meeting early in the 2008-09 season.

Bellarmino is in the national semifinals for the third time and first since 2012, when it lost to Montevallo. The other trip to the semis for the Knights was in their national championship season in 2011; BU beat Minnesota State in that contest.

Florida Southern has played in six previous national semifinal games and won twice – including their national championship season of 1981. The other final four trip for the Moccasins came the year prior to that in 1980, when they lost to Virginia Union in the semifinals and ended up taking third place.

This is the second time in three years that two teams are meeting in the national semifinals in a rematch of a regular season matchup. Drury beat Western Washington in the semis in 2013 after losing to the Vikings during the regular season.

Breaking down the teams (NCAA Division II Ranking)

	BU	FSC
Scoring Offense:	81.4 (39)	88.5 (5)
Scoring Defense:	67.7 (60)	74.3 (187)
Scoring Margin:	+13.7 (11)	+14.2 (10)
Rebounding Margin:	+5.0 (34)	-1.3 (199)
Assist-to-Turnover Ratio:	1.25 (48)	1.44 (14)
Longest Winning Streak:	15	23 (current)

