



NCAA Division II Elite Eight Capsule

Quarterfinal Game #1

Wed., March 27, 2019 • Ford Center • Evansville, Ind. • 12 p.m.
Webcast on NCAA.com

Nova Southeastern Sharks (#4 seed)



Head Coach: Jim Crutchfield (2nd year at Nova Southeastern; 15th season overall)
Overall Record: 29-3
Conference Record: 18-2 (won Sunshine State Conference regular season title)
vs. Top 25 Teams: 4-0
vs. 2018-19 NCAA Field: 6-2
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 3-0
NCAA Appearance: 1st (1st Elite Eight)
Longest Winning Streak: 12 (Nov. 9-Jan. 5; also won nine straight from Feb. 6-March 9)

Nova Southeastern Probable Starters:

No.	Name	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	AST	STL	Hometown
2	Nick Smith	6-1	So.	7.8	3.5	56	43	Pittsburgh, PA
3	David Dennis	6-1	Sr.	15.8	5.1	187	89	Canal Winchester, OH
5	Mark Matthews	6-6	Jr.	20.3	9.5	117	40	Bonita Springs, FL
12	Dwayne Gibson	6-5	Sr.	11.5	5.0	87	64	Carmel, IN
15	Mikkel Kolstad	6-4	Jr.	11.3	2.3	39	39	Bergen, Norway

2019 NCAA Tournament Results (South Regional)

Quarterfinals:
def. Miles 80-66
Semifinals:
def. West Alabama 89-80
Championship Game:
def. Lynn 89-74

Notes:

Nova Southeastern defeated Lynn in the South Regional championship game to become the first team since Saginaw Valley State in 2016 to reach the Elite Eight in its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. ... While the Sharks are in their first Elite Eight, head coach Jim Crutchfield is taking a team there for the sixth time; his other five trips came while he headed the West Liberty program. ... The Sharks rank second nationally in scoring at 97.1 points per game and cleared the 100-point mark 11 times, despite not having done so since beating Florida Tech 128-84 on Feb. 16. ... Mikkel Kolstad is shooting a Division II-best 53 percent from three-point range, while Mark Matthews, NSU's leading scorer on the season, was named as the newcomer of the year in the Sunshine State Conference. ... NSU's 29 wins are a single season record and the SSC regular season title was the program's first.

Saint Anselm Hawks (#5 seed)



Head Coach: Keith Dickson (33rd year at Saint Anselm)
Overall Record: 25-5
Conference Record: 18-3 (won Northeast-10 Conference Northeast Division regular season title)
vs. Top 25 Teams: 1-9
vs. 2018-19 NCAA Field: 7-3
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record: 17-24
NCAA Appearance: 22nd (2nd Elite Eight; first appearance since 2000)
Longest Winning Streak: 10 (Nov. 10-Dec. 30)

Saint Anselm Probable Starters:

No.	Name	Ht.	Year	PPG	RPG	AST	STL	Hometown
3	Cody Ball	6-3	Sr.	13.6	5.0	92	29	Londonderry, NH
4	Danny Evans	6-4	Jr.	8.8	4.6	68	26	Leeds, UK
5	Tim Guers	6-3	Sr.	21.5	7.6	161	29	Langhorne, PA
15	Chris Paul	6-6	So.	14.4	6.0	46	20	Highland Mills, NY
24	Gustav Suhr-Jessen	6-7	So.	12.2	7.0	51	17	Virum, Denmark

2019 NCAA Tournament Results (East Regional)

Quarterfinals:
def. Molloy 81-71
Semifinals:
def. New Haven 70-69
Championship Game:
def. St. Thomas Aquinas 74-49

Notes:

Saint Anselm reached the Elite Eight for the first time since 2000 by capturing the title in the East Regional; head coach Keith Dickson also coached the Hawks in that last trip to the national quarterfinal round. ... Dickson's 642 coaching wins are the 14th-most of any coach in Division II history. ... Senior guard Tim Guers is the top active scorer in this year's Elite Eight with 2,270 points; his total is fourth among players who played during the 2018-19 season and will reach third on that list with 23 more points. ... As a team, Saint Anselm is shooting 49.2 percent from the field -- the 16th-best mark in Division II -- and its three-point mark of 39.8 percent is 21st in the nation with three individuals shooting at least 40 percent from beyond the arc. ... The Hawks, the seventh different East champion in as many years, are the only team in the East region that was ranked in every poll this season.