

NCAA DIVISION II ELITE EIGHT TOURNAMENT CAPSULE: Quarterfinal Game #4

March 23, 2016 at Dr. Pepper Arena, Frisco, Texas, 8:30 p.m., Central Time

#3 seed Western Oregon

Head Coach: Jim Shaw (1st season)

Overall Record: 30-3

Conference Record: 18-2 (Great Northwest Ath. Conf.)

vs. Top 25 Teams: 4-0

vs. NCAA Field: 7-0

NCAA Record: 3-1

NCAA Appearance: 2nd (1st Elite Eight)

Last Appearance: 2015

2016 Tournament Results (West Regional):

Reg. Quarterfinals: Def. Humboldt State 82-65

Reg. Semifinals: Def. Azusa Pacific 81-69

Reg. Championship: Def. UC San Diego 60-55

Probable Starters:

	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
#0 Devon Alexander	6-1	Sr.	10.7	5.0
#10 Julian Nichols	6-2	Sr.	12.8	4.8
#11 Tanner Omlid	6-4	So.	10.2	5.5
#22 Jordan Wiley	6-6	Sr.	10.5	3.6
#32 Andy Avgi	6-6	Sr.	20.0	5.6

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Game Notes:

In just its second trip to the NCAA Tournament, Western Oregon earned a spot in the Elite Eight after recording the second 30-win season in school history. The Wolves, who won 30 in the 1981-82 campaign when it was a member of the NAIA, is the first school from the state of Oregon to reach the Division II Elite Eight.

Andy Avgi, a member of the Bevo Francis Award watch list and two-time Player of the Year in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, is among five players in this week's tournament averaging at least 20 points per game. Avgi has posted a full stat line with 55 assists, 41 blocked shots, 40 steals, while shooting 53.1 percent from the field and nearly 39 percent from beyond the arc.

As a team, Western Oregon ranks sixth in Division II with just 285 turnovers, the fewest by any team in the Elite Eight. The Wolves are also shooting 73.8 percent from the foul line, including a 57-of-66 performance (86.4 percent) in the three games during the West Regional.

WOU also leads the eight teams in the event with 273 steals, led by Tanner Omlid's 69 and three others with more than 40. Omlid also has 28 blocked shots, the last of which came in the final seconds to seal the victory for the Wolves in the West Regional title game against UC San Diego.

#6 seed Saginaw Valley State

Head Coach: Randy Baruth (4th season)

Overall Record: 25-7

Conference Record: 18-4 (Great Lakes Int. Ath. Conf.)

vs. Top 25 Teams: 4-1

vs. NCAA Field: 6-2

NCAA Record: 3-0

NCAA Appearance: 1st (1st Elite Eight)

Last Appearance: None previously

2016 Tournament Results (Midwest Regional):

Reg. Quarterfinals: Def. Lewis 80-65

Reg. Semifinals: Def. Wisconsin-Parkside 92-77

Reg. Championship: Def. Ferris State 63-61

Probable Starters:

	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
#2 C.J. Turnage	6-5	Jr.	16.9	5.7
#3 Kellen Smith	6-1	Sr.	4.2	3.1
#4 Caleb Davis	6-8	Jr.	7.6	5.2
#5 Garrett Hall	6-3	Jr.	11.5	4.2
#11 Damon Bozeman	6-3	Sr.	14.7	5.4

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Game Notes:

Saginaw Valley State captured the Midwest Regional title – the first by a member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference since 2009 when Findlay won it on its way to the national championship – and marks the second straight year that a team has reached the Elite Eight in its first NCAA Division II Tournament after Azusa Pacific did so in 2015.

The Cardinals rose to as high as eighth in the media poll this year and 12th in the coaches poll as it tied the SVSU school record with 25 wins. After winning 21 games last year, the 25-7 mark gave the Cardinals back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since they had seven straight in the late 1990s.

C.J. Turnage, SVSU's leading scorer with an average of 16.9 points per game, is shooting 54.9 percent from the field with 89 assists and 24 blocked shots. He is one of three double figure scorers for Saginaw Valley State, who also gets 14.7 points a game from Damon Bozeman and 11.5 from Garrett Hall.

Most of the Cardinals' three-point production has come from four players, with Bozeman leading the way with 44 treys. Caleb Davis has connected 43 times from long range and Mitchell Baenzinger has made 42.

Saginaw Valley State has held its opponents to 32.1 percent shooting from beyond the arc, the lowest percentage among the teams in the Elite Eight.