



Northern Iowa 90, Bradley 77

Quarterfinals: March 26, 2013

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa - The University of Northern Iowa advanced to the semifinals of the 2013 CollegeInsider.com Tournament with a 90-77 victory over the Bradley Braves.

UNI (21-14 overall) will host a CIT semifinal on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the McLeod Center. UNI will take on the winner of the Oral Roberts-Weber State game. ORU plays at Weber State on Wednesday.

All five Panther starters reached double figures in scoring led by senior Anthony James with 21 points. Sophomore Seth Tuttle tallied 19 points and nine rebounds. Senior Jake Koch scored 14 points on 6-of-8 shooting. Senior Marc Sonnen knocked down three 3-pointers and posted 13 points. Sophomore Deon Mitchell scored 10 points and tied a career high with eight assists.

Bradley (18-17 overall) had four players in double figures led by junior Walt Lemon Jr., who scored 19 points. Senior Will Egolf added 17 points and junior Tyshon Pickett chipped in with 16 points. Senior Dyrucus Simms-Edwards closed out his Bradley career with 11 points.

Bradley led by as many as 10 points in the first half at 29-19 with 7:02 left. The Braves went on a 15-5 run after an early 14-14 tie. UNI whittled away at the Bradley lead and tied the game at 35-35 on a pair of free throws from Koch. UNI re-took the lead at 40-38 on a 3-pointer from Sonnen. Bradley was able to tie the game at 40-40 on a layup with :03 left from Lemon Jr.

UNI came out on a 13-4 run to start the second half and opened up a 53-44 lead with 15:35 remaining in the game. Bradley cut the lead back to six at 60-54, but the Panthers used three-pointers from redshirt freshman Matt Bohannon, sophomore Marvin Singleton and James to pushed the lead to 71-59 with 8:59 left in the game.

Bradley pulled to within seven points at 71-64, but UNI responded again and pushed the margin to 14 at 80-66 with 5:38 left in the game. The Braves would get no closer than 11 points the rest of the way.

NOTES: UNI has won three postseason games in the same season for the first time in school history ... UNI has won 20 straight games when scoring 80 or more points ... UNI improved to 25-1 all-time under coach Ben Jacobson when scoring 80 or more points ... Sonnen drained a trio of three-pointers to up his career total to 200 -- trailing only Johnny Moran (201) and Ben Jacobson (203) on the Panthers' all-time made 3-pointers list ... Sonnen has made at least one 3-pointer in

22 straight games ... UNI has defeated Bradley in 11 of its last 13 meetings ... Bradley is 1-7 all-time in the McLeod Center ... UNI improved to 16-3 at home this season ... coach Jacobson improved to 37-14 against MVC schools from the state of Illinois ... coach Jake is 14-4 all-time vs. Bradley ... UNI has made 270 three-pointers this season - the most in a single-season in the Panthers' history (besting the previous mark of 267 last season).