

2018 NJCAA DII MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

(9) Grand Rapids Community College RAIDERS

(Grand Rapids, MI) – 24-9

VS

(16) Ulster County Community College SENATORS

(Stone Ridge, NY) – 18-10

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Danville, IL – The ninth game was the first elimination game of the 2018 NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Tournament. No. 9 seed Grand Rapids Community College squared up against 16th-seeded Ulster County Community College.

Grand Rapids, down four players, including their two leading scorers due to an off the court incident, jumped out in front early on in the first half, taking a 16-8 lead after the first four minutes.

Willie Otole knocked down a pair of three pointers in a 10-0 run that gave Grand Rapids a 21-8 lead. Zachary Pangborn and Ca'Nas Coleman were the catalysts to the Raiders jumping out to a 17-point lead, 28-11.

Sammie Ryans hit four three-pointers in the last eight minutes of the half for the Raiders to keep Ulster County at bay.

Ulster and Alex Karamanos, who finished with the half with 12 points, went on an 8-0 to keep them in the game and brought them within 15 points, 46-31.

By half, Grand Rapids held on to an 18-point lead.

HALFTIME SCORE:

Ulster County - 36

Grand Rapids - 54

1st HALF LEADERS:

Ulster County:

#13 Alex Karamanos, 6'3, So. -14pts, 5-7 FG

#1 Naje Greene, 5'8, Fr. – 7pts, 2 asts, 2stls

Grand Rapids:

#22 Ca’Nas Coleman, 6’3, Fr. – 14pts, 7rebs, 6-10 FG

#5 Zachary Pangborn, 6’1, So. – 7pts, 3stls

#32 Sammie Ryans, 6’3, Fr. – 14pts, 5-7 FG, 4 3PTM

Ulster continued to fight their way back into the game in the second half, already having trailed by double-digits since the 15:42 mark. By the 12-minute mark, the Senators were back within 10 points at 71-61. But a quick 7-0 run by Grand Rapids pushed the lead back to 17.

From there the Raiders kept Ulster from mounting any substantial comeback and rode out a 10-point victory, 98-88.

Grand Rapids Community College will advance to play the winner of Game 13: Louisburg College vs. Dakota County Technical College on Friday at 9:00am. Ulster County Community College is eliminated from the 2018 NJCAA Division II Men’s Basketball National Tournament.

FINAL SCORE:

Ulster County - 88

Grand Rapids - 98

TEAM LEADERS:**Ulster County:**

#13 Alex Karamanos, 6’3, So. – 21pts, 8-12 FG

#1 Naje Greene, 5’8, Fr. – 16pts, 5rebs, 5asts, 7-15 FG

#44 Elijah Barnett, 6’6, Fr. – 19pts, 4rebs, 7-7 FG

#11 Tyreik Johnson, 6’3, So. – 12pts, 4rebs

Grand Rapids:

#22 Ca’Nas Coleman, 6’3, Fr. – 18pts, 10rebs, 6asts

#5 Zachary Pangborn, 6’1, So. – 19pts, 5rebs, 3-5 3PT

#11 Darron Ewing, 6’3, So. – 14pts, 6rebs, 3-7 3PT

#32 Sammie Ryans, 6’3, Fr. – 19pts, 5rebs, 5-11 3PT

#34 Diego Robinson, 6’6 Fr. – 13pts, 9rebs, 6-9 FG

#4 Willie Otole, 5’11, Fr. – 14pts, 4rebs, 4asts, 4 3PTM
