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NJCU Takes Men's Title

STANDISH, ME – Junior Mark Washington (East Orange, NJ) scored 27 as New Jersey City University (18-9) posted a 92-82 victory over Lincoln University (21-6) to capture the men's title at the Alford Center today.

Senior Javier Rodriguez (Perth Amboy, NJ) scored 16 points. Grabbed 8 rebounds and dished out 5 assists for the Gothic Knights.

Juniors Jarett Kears (Philadelphia, PA) and Kyle Myrick (Philadelphia, PA) accounted for 52 of Lincoln's points, scoring 27 and 25 respectively.

NJCU held a 43-40 lead at the half and outscored Lincoln 49-42 in the second half. The Lions managed to cut the lead to 2 with 4:32 to play on a jumper by Myrick but NJCU pulled away after a jumper by Washington and a 3 pointer by junior Rob Feeney (Piscataway, NJ).

NJCU out-rebounded Lincoln 41-38 and made 22 of 28 free throws.

Consolation Game

Finlandia University (14-13) defeated Saint Joseph's College 80-71 in the consolation game today.

Sophomore Ryan Artley (Baraga, MI) scored a game-high 24 points and dished out 7 assists to pace the Lions. Junior Victor Harrington (Chassell, MI) had 17 points and 8 boards while junior Tyler Lloyd (L'Anse, MI) and sophomore Kyle Miron (Ishpeming, MI) had 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Saint Joe's was within striking distance, down 6 at the half, but would get no closer than 3 in the second half. Senior Jon Pratt (Gloucester, MA) nailed a jumper with 2:12 to play and cut the lead to 3 points. Finlandia junior Mike Nowaczy (Gwinn, MI) made two free throws to make it 71-66 but St. Joe's came up with two offensive boards in a row. Sophomore Marcus Alexander was fouled, making 1 of 2 free throws to bring the Monks within 4 points with 1:34 to go. Finlandia made 9 of 10 free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Pratt led the Monks with 22 points and 8 boards and sophomore Marcus Alexander (Niceville, FL) scored 14 points and grabbed 8 boards.

All Tournament Team

**Mark Washington NJCU MVP
Javier Rodriguez NJCU
Jon Pratt Saint Joseph's College
Victor Harrington Finlandia University
Kyle Myrick Lincoln University
Jarett Kears Lincoln University**