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Finlandia University Wins Division III Independent Championship

TROY, NY – Finlandia University defeated New Jersey City University 58-49 in the championship game of the Division III Independent Championship behind the strong play of tournament Most Valuable Player Brooke Sirard.

Both teams took share of the lead numerous times throughout the game, until an 8-0 run late in the game pushed Finlandia to the win. Sirard finished with 18 points, 9 rebounds, and 4 blocks for the day, while All-Tournament Team selection Jessica Koski chipped in with 7 points and 7 rebounds.

Four players scored in double figures for New Jersey City. All-Tournament selections Latrese McNair and Erika Cubile each finished with 11 points to pace the Gothic Knights.

In the consolation game, Meredith College edged out host Russell Sage College 68-63 to secure third place. Amira Issa had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Angels, while All-Tournament selection Nicole Hall added 14 points and 10 assists in the win.

Jamie Desso (Wynantskill, NY) scored 11 points in the loss for Russell Sage. She was also an All-Tournament selection.

For more information on intercollegiate athletics at Russell Sage College, visit our web site at www.sage.edu or call (518) 244-2283.

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