



2016 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round · Notre Dame vs. North Carolina A&T

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Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center · Notre Dame, Indiana

Saturday, March 19

Notre Dame Notes:

-Junior guard Lindsay Allen set a Notre Dame program record for assists in a single game during the NCAA tournament with 10 helpers in 21 minutes against North Carolina A&T.

-Notre Dame won a first round NCAA Championship game for the 19th time in the past 21 seasons (1996-2016), and has won its last five NCAA tournament openers by an average of 36.6 points per game.

-Notre Dame improved to 26-4 (.867) all-time as a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Championship and 37-5 (.881) as the higher seed in NCAA postseason games.

-Notre Dame recorded 20 assists on 21 baskets in the first half, including all 11 team field goals in the first quarter. For the season, Notre Dame has assisted on 61.8 percent of its baskets (599 of 969).

-With the victory over North Carolina A&T, the Fighting Irish have won 27 consecutive games against first-time opponents (39 straight home games against new foes) and are 71-7 (.910) against first-time opponents since the start of the 2000-01 season.

-Notre Dame is 23-0 all-time in NCAA tournament games when scoring at least 80 points.

North Carolina A&T Notes:

-North Carolina A&T appeared in its third NCAA Championship contest, and its first since the 2009 season. Notre Dame was the second ACC foe that the Aggies had faced in NCAA play, previously falling to No. 3 seed Florida State 83-71 in that 2009 tournament trip.

-North Carolina A&T entered Saturday's game with 10 wins in its previous 11 contests, which included a share of the MEAC regular-season championship and a conference tournament title.

-Sophomore guard Kala Green led the Aggies with 12 points, while redshirt junior guard Dana Brown chipped in 11 points and graduate center Aprill McRae 10 points for North Carolina A&T.

Indiana Notes:

-Indiana, appearing in its first NCAA Championship since 2002, claimed its first tournament win in 33 years with a victory over Georgia. The Hoosiers downed Kentucky 87-76 on March 18, 1983 in the first round of the NCAA Championship in Lexington for their most recent NCAA triumph prior to Saturday night against the Bulldogs.

- For the 32nd time this season, Indiana sophomore guard Tyra Buss scored in double figures. Buss poured in 23 points, 17 of which came after halftime.

-Indiana finished with a 16-1 edge in made free throws against Georgia. The Hoosiers entered the NCAA tournament ranked seventh in the nation from the charity stripe and improved its free-throw differential to plus-218 on the season.

-Saturday's game marked the second time that Indiana and Georgia had faced off in an NCAA Championship contest on the Notre Dame campus. The Bulldogs downed the Hoosiers 86-70 in the previous meeting on March 25, 1983 in the tournament's regional semifinals.

Georgia Notes:

-Making its 32nd appearance in the NCAA Championship, the second-most of any school in Division I women's college basketball, Georgia fell for just the sixth time in an NCAA tournament first round game.

-Georgia's 55 all-time NCAA Championship victories remain fifth among women's college programs at the Division I level. The Bulldogs last advanced past the first round of the tournament with an Elite Eight appearance in 2012-13.

-Senior guard Tiaria Griffin scored a team-high 18 points for Georgia, while freshman forward Caliya Robinson added 14 points.

-First-year head coach Joni Taylor ended her inaugural season at the helm of Georgia as just the 12th coach in SEC history to win 20 or more games in his/her debut campaign. Taylor has appeared in the NCAA Championship on seven total occasions as a head coach, assistant coach and player.