

2013 NCAA® WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR®

National Semifinals - #5 Louisville 64. #2 California 57 New Orleans Arena · New Orleans, La. Sunday, April 7

SEMIFINAL GAME NOTES

- Louisville's win guarantees an all-Big East final as the Cardinals will play either Connecticut or Notre Dame in Tuesday's championship game.
- The Big East is guaranteed to win its ninth women's basketball national championship on Tuesday night. The nine national titles will surpass the SEC, who has eight, for the most all-time.

Louisville Notes:

- With the win tonight, Louisville improves to 29-8 overall. The 29 wins are the second-most in school history behind the 35 victories recorded during the 2008-09 season.
- Louisville is the lowest seed ever to reach the championship game. Louisville is the seventh team since the NCAA expanded to 64 teams in 1994 has a seed other than a No. 1 or No. 2 reached the national championship game. The lowest seed to reach the championship game since then is a No. 4 (Louisiana Tech in 1994 and Rutgers in 2007).
- With 10 points tonight, junior guard Shoni Schimmel has scored in double figures in six straight games and in eight of the last nine contests.
- Senior forward Monique Reid played in her 140th career game, breaking a tie with Angel McCoughtry (2005-09) to become the school's all-time leader for games played.
- Junior guard Antonita Slaughter scored all 18 of her points on six-of-10 shooting from behind the three-point arc. Those six three-pointers made tied a record for a Women's Final Four game and broke the mark for threes in a national semifinal game. In her last four games, all in the NCAA Tournament, she has made 22 three-pointers.
- Louisville overcame a 10-point halftime deficit in tonight's game. It is the 10th-largest deficit overcome in a Women's Final Four game.
- Louisville improves to 3-1 this season against teams from the Pac-12. The Cardinals posted wins over Oregon State and Washington State but dropped a contest against Colorado.
- Louisville is making its second-ever appearance in the Women's Final Four and second-ever appearance in the national championship game. The Cardinals first reached the Women's Final Four in 2009, winning its semifinal matchup before falling to Connecticut in the championship game.
- As a No. 5 seed, Louisville is the lowest seed to reach the national semifinal since Minnesota reached the 2004 Women's Final Four as a No. 7 seed.
- The University of Louisville football and men's and women's basketball teams have all ended seasons in New Orleans over the past year. The women's team has participated in their second Final Four today. On January 2, the football team defeated Florida 33-23 in the Sugar Bowl,

played at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. The men's basketball team participated in the 2012 Final Four at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, reaching the final. In addition, Louisville is the first school to win a BCS football game and put its men's and women's basketball teams in their respective Final Fours.

- This is the tenth time that a school's men's and women's basketball teams reached the Final Four in the same season. The other squads are the following: 1982-83 University of Georgia; 1998-99 Duke; 2001-02 Oklahoma; 2002-03 Texas; 2003-04 Connecticut; 2004-05 Michigan State; 2005-06 LSU; 2008-09 Connecticut; 2010-11 Connecticut.
- This is the second time that there have been three teams from the same conference in the Final Four. In 2006, North Carolina, Maryland and Duke each represented the ACC at the Final Four.

Cal Notes:

- With the loss, Cal ends its season at 32-4 overall, establishing a new school record for victories in a single season.
- Tonight's national semifinal appearance marks Cal's first-ever appearance in the Women's Final Four.
- With nine rebounds, senior Talia Caldwell became the third member of Cal's 1,000-1,000 club tonight. For the season she now has 1,136 points and 1,007 rebounds.
- Senior guard Layshia Clarendon scored in double figures for the sixth straight game and for the 22nd time in her last 23 outings.
- Sophomore guard Brittany Boyd chipped in 10 points. It marks the seventh time in the last eight games that she has scored in double figures.
- Cal falls to 2-1 this season against teams from the Big East. Previously, the Golden Bears had defeated Georgetown during the regular season and South Florida in the second round of this year's NCAA Tournament.
- Cal athletic director Sandy Barbour will be a familiar face to many at this year's Women's Final Four. Prior to joining the Cal staff, she was the deputy director of athletics at Notre Dame, serving as the university's senior athletic administrator from July 2002 to September 2004. She previously held an associate athletic director position there starting in 2000. From 1996 until 2000, Barbour was the athletic director at Tulane here in New Orleans.