

# **Loyola beats Seattle 63-48, advances to CBI championship series**

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"Our goal is the NCAA tournament," Loyola coach Porter Moser mentioned. "But this is not a negative. This is an enormous optimistic. This is element of the approach."

Loyola hosts Louisiana-Monroe in Game 1 on Monday. The Ramblers, the 1963 NCAA champions, have not been in any postseason tournament due to the fact the 1985 NCAA tournament.

It was Seattle's 1st postseason appearance of any sort given that 1969.

Loyola (22-13) trailed by 5 points with 12:ten remaining then outscored Seattle 34-14 the rest of the way, including a 14- run that broke the game open.

"I was just trying to make a play for my teammates or myself," Earl Peterson stated of his operating one-hander from the right baseline that tied the game at 40 and triggered the run. "Then we got stops, and all we had to do was get down the court and make a bucket. And we did."

The Ramblers scored on six of their final seven shots, cracking the zone Seattle had used so correctly for most of the game.

Peterson and Devon Turk, who hit five three-pointers, both scored 15 points to lead Loyola. Milton Doyle scored all nine of his points in the second half.

"Once I began hitting, they shaded the zone more than to me, and that opened it up for Earl and Milt," Turk mentioned.

The grind also got to the Redhawks, who had been without the need of backup center Shore Adenekan since of a sore rotator cuff for most of the game. That meant the burden fell on 7-foot Jack Crook, who played 26 minutes and fouled out with 2:52 to play.

"They got transition baskets on us a couple of occasions, and we got sort of dead-legged," Seattle coach Cameron Dollar said.

William Powell had 12 points for the Redhawks (18-16) and Jadon Cohee added ten.

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