

Saints March On, Host CBI Quarterfinal Monday Night

Siena's basketball season isn't over yet. The Saints rallied to defeat Stony Brook 66-65 in an emotional College Basketball Invitational First Round game Tuesday night in Albany. The Saints will now host a CBI Quarterfinal contest Monday night at Times Union Center against the winner of Wednesday's Penn State vs. Hampton game in State College, Pa.

Siena got 20 points from Rob Poole and 17 from Brett Bisping as they shook off a slow start and rallied from a halftime deficit to win their 14th national postseason game in 25 tries.

Momentum turned after a scuffle broke out in front of the Siena bench just over three minutes into the second half after Bisping scored and was fouled to pull the Saints within 39-36. Siena reserves Evan Hymes, Javion Ogunyemi and Maurice White were ejected for leaving the bench area, and technical fouls were assessed to Siena's Rob Poole and Marquis Wright and Stony Brook's Ahmad Walker and Kameron Mitchell, following a lengthy review.

Siena scored 17 of the next 21 points, building a double digit lead on Poole's three-pointer with 9:13 to play, and never trailed again.

The Saints used an aggressive zone to stifle the Seawolves in the second half. Stony Brook, which lost the America East title game at home Saturday to UAlbany, shot just 36% for the game and 28% from three-point range.

Siena took care of the basketball, registering a season-low six turnovers against 14 assists.

Stony Brook got 15 points and 10 rebounds from sophomore Jameel Warney, the America East Player of the Year, but the Seawolves scored 16 points below their season average.

The win gives the young, improving Saints a chance to gain additional valuable experience on the national stage. Siena's won five of its last six games and nine of its last 14.

Ticket information for Monday's game will be available at SienaSaints.com by the end of the day Wednesday.

