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Creighton's 14-3 final run finishes Davidson

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OMAHA, Neb. - Davidson's season came to an end Monday night because of the Wildcats' inability to get stops when they needed them most.

Leading by one with four minutes, 20 seconds to play, Davidson allowed Creighton to go on a 14-3 run that sent the Bluejays to a 102-92 victory. They advanced to the semifinals of the College Basketball Invitational.

"I thought we had the momentum on our side when we went up by one," Davidson guard JP Kuhlman said. "We had our chances after that, but we just couldn't capitalize."

The Wildcats (18-15) trailed just once in the first half but found themselves playing from behind most of the second half.

Creighton moved ahead by eight points with 10 minutes left but the Wildcats patiently clawed back and took an 83-82 lead when Kuhlman buried a 3-point shot with 4:21 left.

Creighton regained the lead on a three-point play by Antoine Young but Jake Cohen forged an 85-85 tie with a basket and was fouled on the play.

"We had a chance there," Davidson coach Bob McKillop said. "But we missed the free throw, got the rebound and missed a wide-open 3."

Creighton countered with an 11-1 run that featured two 3-point baskets by Josh Jones, a three-point play by Gregory Echenique and two Jahenns Manigat free throws. Davidson came up empty on two of its three possessions during the decisive stretch and got just one free throw on the other.

"We just needed to get some stops and we couldn't get them," said De'Mon Brooks, who led Davidson with 21 points and nine rebounds.

Freshman Doug McDermott led Creighton (21-14) with 31 points and 10 rebounds.

McKillop, who loses just one senior off this season's team, said Davidson will benefit from playing twice in the CBI.

"This is money in the bank for us," he said. "We got two TV exposures and the experience of playing in a tournament setting. I thought we grew up tremendously in these two games."