

Broncos Advance to CBI Semifinals with Victory over Evansville

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BOISE, Idaho – The Boise State men's basketball team boasts seven seniors on its roster, and freshman forward Ryan Watkins made sure they would get to continue their collegiate careers. Watkins scored a game- and career-high 18 points in leading Boise State to a 75-69 victory over Evansville in the quarterfinals of the College Basketball Invitational presented by Zebra Pen Monday, at Taco Bell Arena.

Watkins also pulled down a game-high eight rebounds.

Seniors Daequon Montreal (14) and La'Shard Anderson (11) and junior Westly Perryman (10) also scored in double figures for Boise State. With a game-high six assists, Anderson extended his school single-season record to 164.

The Broncos entered halftime with a 30-23 advantage, but the Purple Aces were able to inch back into the game, taking a 50-48 lead with 9-minutes, 9-seconds remaining in the second half. Boise State used a 15-6 run over the next seven minutes to surge back to a seven-point lead, and the Broncos held on for the win.

With the victory, the Broncos improved to 22-12 on the season. The 22 wins are the fifth-most in school history.

Boise State also won a second postseason game for just the second time in school history.

After being one of the nation's final 20 undefeated teams, Boise State will be one of just 35 Division I teams still playing following Monday's slate of games.

The Broncos will face Oregon Wednesday, in the semifinals of the CBI at Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene, Ore. Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. (MT), and the game will be televised live by HDNet.