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We'll Always Have "Moraga Madness"



Photo Tod Fierner

The NCAA may have snubbed SMC but fans stayed true, selling out the March 23, 2nd round NIT home match-up against Davidson in an unprecedented 45 minutes, setting yet another school record this season. But that left unlucky fans to watch the game on ESPN2 and miss the energy that filled McKeon Pavilion, complete with vendors selling newly printed "Moraga Madness" t-shirts.

"The gym was almost packed before we even started warm-ups," said SMC's Patty Mills afterwards. "You could feel the tension in the air that this was going to be an exciting game." Davidson's Stephen Curry said he'd remember the game, that SMC's "high style crowd" and "big atmosphere" made it fun even though Davidson lost.

The Gaels' 80-68 win against Davidson advanced SMC to the NIT quarterfinals, a road trip to Southern California, where SMC ended its season by falling to San Diego State, 70-66. A disappoint - yes. But nothing can take away from Moraga's own March Madness and the game that pitted not just SMC against Davidson but also Patty Mills with Stephen Curry, players expected to face one another again one day on the NBA court. RSFox

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