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LIFE UNIVERSITY RUNNING EAGLES MEN'S BASKETBALL CAPTURES FIRST MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

Frankfort, Kentucky, March 6, 2017 – The No. 20 Life University men's basketball (22-10) became the first school outside of Kentucky to win the Mid-South Conference Tournament with a 78-63 dismantling of the University of Pikeville (26-7) on Sunday, March 5.

Four Running Eagles finished with double-digit points. MSC Player of the Year Dalarian Williams followed up his historic 43-point game on Saturday with a team-leading 21 points, all coming in the second half. First Team All-MSJ junior Zach Landis put up 15 points, five rebounds, six assists and three steals. Second Team All-MSJ senior Jonathan Beausejour posted 14 points, five rebounds, an assist and a block. Junior Ivan Benkovich contributed 12 points, as well as five rebounds.

With Williams only playing two minutes in the first half due to foul trouble, Landis and Beausejour more than picked up the slack in the opening 20 minutes of the championship bout. Using a 12-2 run in the final 3:34 of the half, Life U took a 41-30 lead into the half.

The Running Eagles continued to ride that momentum in the second half, building a 21-point lead with more than 12 minutes left in the game. Pikeville managed to trim the lead to 13 points, but Life U had one final 16-4 run in them to close out the game and clinch the victory by a 78-63 final.

With the win, Running Eagles captured the MSC's automatic bid to the NAIA National Tournament at historic Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri. They will find out where they are seeded and who they will play in the opening round on Wednesday, March 8 at 9:00 p.m.

About Life University

Founded in Marietta, Georgia in 1974, Life University is a health sciences institution most known for its chiropractic program, the largest single campus chiropractic program in the world. Life University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's and Doctor of Chiropractic degrees, and also has programmatic accreditation through the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The mission



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of Life University is to empower students with the education, skills and values necessary for career success and life fulfillment, based on a vitalistic philosophy.

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