

# NCAA Men's Basketball Championship: First Round - Lipscomb vs Iowa State

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**Iowa State Cyclones**  
**Milan Momcilovic**  
**Curtis Jones**

**Tamin Lipsey**

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think he's a couple years older than me. But he's a really good player, obviously, average 20 points. That means you're elite.

He can do everything, inside, outside. He can shoot the 3-ball, good post player, good rebounder. So he's really good on film.

**Q. To Lipsey, how are you feeling right now? Do you feel you're ready to go tomorrow? What's been the process like trying to work your way back?**

TAMIN LIPSEY: I'm feeling pretty well. Spent a lot of time in the training room with our trainer, Vic, and just spending a lot of time in there. Feeling better every day. Haven't gotten to be able to do a lot. Sitting out, just waiting for the time. So just going to go out and hope to feel good, feel as best as I can, and do what I can for the team.

THE MODERATOR: Let's go down the line, get everyone involved. What do you know about Lipscomb? What have you seen on tape from them?

CURTIS JONES: They're a good team, obviously. They won their league, regular season and tournament. So they're a really good team. They shoot the ball well, don't turn it over much. So they'll bring their challenges to us. I'm just looking forward to getting out there tomorrow.

MILAN MOMCILOVIC: Like he said, good shooting team, good 3-point shooting team. One of the best free throw shooting teams in the country. They run a lot of good sets on offense, and on the defensive end, they pressure the ball good. They don't like to foul. They're a good overall team and very well coached.

TAMIN LIPSEY: Just to go along with what these two said, well-coached team. Shoot the ball very well, like they said. My personal scout, I mean, I'm probably going to be on the guard. So I know he's a good playmaker. Been watching a lot of film. He creates a lot for their team and can obviously shoot the ball really well. He's been shooting well the last couple games. That's just a little bit about my personal match-up.

THE MODERATOR: How much does it mean to you guys to have the great support that you have, fans that travel?

THE MODERATOR: We're joined by Iowa State student-athletes Curtis Jones, Milan Momcilovic, and Tamin Lipsey. Questions?

**Q. Milan, have you ever played here at Fiserv? If so or if not, what's it like to be back?**

MILAN MOMCILOVIC: Never played here. Been to a couple of Milwaukee Bucks games, have been to a Marquette game. It's great to play here, 20 minutes away from home. Obviously, I'll have a lot of people come here. It's going to be a special experience.

**Q. What was it like when you got the news that you'd be playing here Selection Sunday, and then how many family members do you have that are going to be here?**

MILAN MOMCILOVIC: It was great just because I didn't think we were going to end up here in Milwaukee. But, obviously, watching the selection show, got picked here in Milwaukee. And I was surprised, but then, obviously, very happy just because I'm going to have a lot of people.

I don't know how many people I'll have exactly. I got ten tickets from the team. I have those ten people. And then a lot of family and friends coming. So probably over 30, 40 people.

**Q. Milan, Lipscomb has a local player, Jacob, from Sheboygan. Do you know him at all? What do you notice about his game from watching on tape?**

MILAN MOMCILOVIC: I don't know him a whole lot. I



CURTIS JONES: It means a lot. They help us on the court when they're cheering and stuff like that. Felt that last year in the tournament when we went to Omaha, which isn't too far from Ames. This isn't too far. So looking forward to seeing them tomorrow and them giving us energy on the court.

**Q. You've had a few games to adapt without Keshon. How that impacts your team and how confident you are, what is missing him this turn?**

CURTIS JONES: We're definitely missing Keshon, wishing he was here. Everybody has to step up in some way because he's missing. So there's a lot of play making that's gone with him, just being aggressive.

So guys just got to step up and kind of try to fill in what he brings and, also, bring in their own strengths. We've all got different strengths and confident in everybody's ability, even though Keshon is out.

**Q. Milan, last year, another Pewaukee grad, Jack Gohlke had a big game, ten made 3s against Kentucky. What was it like having a guy from your hometown do that and how does that motivate you this weekend?**

MILAN MOMCILOVIC: It was cool to see Jack go for ten 3s against Kentucky. He was at D-II for a few years and it was his first year in D-I. He went crazy against Kentucky. He was from Pewaukee. He was a couple years older than me. I always got to see him. Grant Basile, they used to go over there and see him in high school. It was great to see him do that at a high stage.

**Q. For Lipsey, are you confident you will be playing tomorrow and was there any point in the last week where you were kind of fearful that maybe you wouldn't be ready for this because of the groin issue?**

TAMIN LIPSEY: After the injury, I really didn't know what to expect. But I just spent a lot of time every day just working on it. It's felt a lot better every day. So I'm expecting to go out there and play, and I hope I can go out and feel the best I can. It's the goal to go out and win the game. I feel like I'm trending in a positive direction and feel good about it.

THE MODERATOR: Anything else for the student-athletes? Thanks, guys. Good luck tomorrow.

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