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The bright lights of Madison Square Garden set the stage for one of the most anticipated rubber matches of the 2026 Big East Tournament. The No. 5 seed Creighton Bluejays (15–16) and the No. 4 seed Seton Hall Pirates (20–11) enter the quarterfinals having split a pair of regular-season thrillers, each decided by a single possession on the other's home court.

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For Seton Hall, this is about validating a 20-win season and solidifying a resume that briefly touched the Top 25 earlier this year. For Creighton, it's about a late-season surge to keep their postseason hopes alive after a year defined by narrow losses and injury-riddled rotations.

#### Game Information

	Feature	Details
Matchup	No. 5 Creighton vs. No. 4 Seton Hall	
Event	2026 Big East Championship Quarterfinal	
Location	Madison Square Garden, New York City	
Tip-Off	Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 2:30 PM ET	
	TV/Stream	Peacock
Betting Line	Seton Hall -3.5 (O/U 133.5)	
Season Series:	A Tale of Two Miracles	

The regular-season series between these programs was nothing short of cinematic, providing two of the most dramatic finishes in the Big East this winter.

**The Newark Comeback (Jan. 4, 2026):** In their first meeting, Creighton looked to be in total control, leading by 16 points in the second half. However, Seton Hall's stifling defense triggered a 14–0 run. The game ended on a chaotic final sequence where freshman Najai Hines grabbed a missed shot and scored a put-back layup plus the foul with just one second remaining, sealing a 56–54 victory for the Pirates.

**The Omaha Revenge (Feb. 7, 2026):** The script flipped in the rematch. Seton Hall led 63–53 with only 3:30 left on the clock. Creighton closed the game on an 11–1 run, punctuated by Nik Graves, who drained a 30-foot buzzer-beater to steal a 69–68 win.

The aggregate score over 80 minutes of basketball? Seton Hall 124, Creighton 123. This quarterfinal is the definition of a toss-up.

## The Matchup: Defense vs. Efficiency Seton Hall: The Big East's Most Fearsome Defense

Under Big East Coach of the Year Shaheen Holloway, the Pirates have built an identity centered on physicality. They lead the conference in scoring defense, allowing just 65.1 PPG.

**The Engine:** Adam "Budd" Clark. The veteran guard is the heartbeat of the team, averaging 12.4 points and 4.7 assists. His ability to navigate Creighton's pressure will be paramount.

**The Paint Protector:** Najai Hines. Ranking near the top of the country in blocks, Hines anchors a defense that forces teams to shoot contested jumpers.

### Creighton: Finding the Rhythm

Despite a sub-.500 record, the Bluejays are arguably the most dangerous "low seed" in the field. They shoot 35% from three and possess a backcourt that can get hot in an instant.

**The Leading Man:** Josh Dix (12.7 PPG). After an emotional season playing through the loss of his mother, Dix has become the focal point of the offense, hitting clutch shots in late-season wins over UConn and Butler.

**The Sharpshooter:** Isaac Traudt. When Traudt is hitting from the perimeter (as he did with 18 points in the second meeting), it pulls Seton Hall's bigs away from the rim, neutralizing their shot-blocking advantage.

### Keys to the Quarterfinal

**Handling the Press:** Seton Hall turned Creighton over 18 times in their second meeting. If the Bluejays can limit live-ball turnovers, they can prevent the Pirates from getting easy transition buckets.

**The Rebound War:** In the first meeting, Hines' offensive rebounding won the game. Creighton's Jasen Green and Nolan Winter must box out effectively to deny second-chance opportunities.

**Bench Contribution:** With the intensity of tournament play, keep an eye on Creighton's Austin Swartz. He has the capability to drop 20+ points off the bench, a variable Seton Hall's thin rotation might struggle to match.

### The Verdict

Odds makers have installed Seton Hall as a 3.5-point favorite, largely due to their superior overall record and defensive consistency. However, Creighton's offensive ceiling is significantly higher if their shots are falling. In the "World's Most Famous Arena," where legends are made, expect this one to come down to the final minute—just as it has all season.

The winner will move on to the Big East Semifinals on Friday evening to face the winner of the No. 1 St. John's vs. No. 8 Butler/No. 9 Providence matchup.

Can Nik Graves hit another buzzer-beater?

Will Shaheen Holloway's defense stifle the Bluejays?

Is Creighton a true Cinderella in the making?