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HALUSKA MAKES SEMI-FINALS IN THREE-POINT SHOOTOUT

ATLANTA, GA - - University of Iowa senior Adam Haluska advanced to the semi-finals in the three-point shooting contest here Thursday evening as part of the Final Four activities. Oregon's Aaron Brooks, who had the best score in both the first round and the semi-finals, went on to defeat Demetris Nichols of Syracuse in the finals.

"This was a lot of fun," said Haluska, following the competition at Georgia State University. "I had a good first round, but I think I actually got too much adrenalin going and just didn't shoot well in the second round. The people have been great to work with and it's been an enjoyable experience to be here and be a part of the festivities."

Colin Falls of Notre Dame joined Haluska, Nichols and Brooks in the finals, while Jarrius Jackson of Texas Tech, Acie Law of Texas A&M, Stephen Sir of Northern Arizona and Kammron Taylor of Wisconsin failed to advance past the first round.

Haluska, a first team all-Big Ten selection this season who led the league in scoring, will continue his activities Friday evening, taking part in the annual National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) all-star game at Phillips Arena.

"We had two practices today at the arena," he added. "So it's been a busy day going through both activities. I'm sure the game Friday night will be fun as well."

Along with earning first team all-Big Ten honors, the native of Carroll, IA was also the Division I men's basketball Academic all-American of the Year and he was recently named academic all-Big Ten for the third straight season.

Haluska is one of four finalists for the Chip Hilton National Player of the Year Award and he is one of 10 finalists for the Lowe's Senior Class Award. Both awards will be announced this weekend as part of Final Four activities.

