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(Neb.)-No. 18 Creighton beats 6th-ranked Villanova 101-80

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OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Doug McDermott matched his season high with 39 points and passed Larry Bird for 13th place on the Division I career scoring chart, and No. 18 Creighton defeated sixth-ranked Villanova 101-80 on Sunday.

Creighton's second win over Villanova in a month moved the Bluejays (21-4, 11-2) into a first-place tie with the Wildcats (22-3, 11-2) in the Big East. The Bluejays beat the same ranked opponent twice in the same season for the first time in program history. They also won their 16th straight at home, matching their longest streak since moving into the CenturyLink Center in 2003.

McDermott, a two-time first-team All-America and leading candidate for national player of the year, went over 30 points for ninth time this season and 23rd time in his career.

James Bell scored 18 points for the Wildcats before fouling out with 6:11 left.