

## BU thrives in overtime Terriers advance to CBI semifinals

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There is a Boston University team alive in the postseason, and it is not wearing skates.

BU scored the opening seven points in overtime and held on to beat Morehead State, 91-89, in the quarterfinals of the College Basketball Invitational last night at Case Gym.

BU improved to 21-13 under first-year coach Pat Chambers and will face Princeton in the CBI semifinals tomorrow night.

The Terriers' chances were seriously compromised by the absence of senior guard Corey Lowe, the program's third all-time leading scorer who informed Chambers he was moving on following the team's opening-round victory at Oregon State on March 17.

"Corey and I met after Oregon State, and he wants to move to the next chapter in his life, and sometimes that happens," Chambers said. "We love Corey, and he's always going to be a part of this family."

Junior guard John Holland led the Terriers with 23 points, followed by Carlos Strong's 22 and 20 from Tyler Morris, who tied the school record with a career-high eight steals. Backup center Valdas Sirutis played 31 minutes and recorded a career-high eight rebounds.

Morehead State guard Maze Stallworth nailed 8-of-13 3-point attempts en route to a game-high 27 points, while center Kenneth Faried recorded his 25th double-double (19 points, 11 rebounds). Guard Terrance Hill netted 24 points thanks to 5-of-10 shooting from behind the arc.

"That was like an NBA game, up and down the floor with big shots," Chambers said. "They play hard and they came at us for 40 minutes, and that pressure for 40 minutes is hell."

Center Jeff Pelage, who played only 13 minutes because of foul trouble, began the Terriers' overtime run with a layup. O'Brien made it 83-76 with a trey followed by two from the line with 2:39 to play.

But things got real interesting after Strong's drive through the lane gave BU an 87-81 lead with 39 seconds remaining. Stallworth hit a trey, Demonte Harper drained a free throw and Faried nailed a jumper to make it 88-86 with 11.9 seconds to play. Morris, however, went to the line and sank two, allowing BU to survive another Hill 3.

"We just did a real good job handling the pressure and we were taking good shots," O'Brien said.

BU trailed 20-9 early, but O'Brien and Morris led the hosts back to a 38-37 halftime lead. The Terriers continued their strong play in the second half, building a 66-56 advantage with 6:48 to play.

But the Eagles rallied, with Hill hitting a 3 with 30 seconds left, then Steve Peterson hitting a pair from the line three seconds later to tie the game. BU missed three chances to win it in regulation.

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