

Pitt downs Morehead State, 72-62

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Pittsburgh barely had a day after its victory against Eastern Washington on Friday night to prepare for a matchup with Morehead State on Sunday afternoon. Regardless of time, coach Jamie Dixon knew what the scrappy, tough Eagles would try to do against the Panthers.

"We told them exactly what was going to happen," Dixon said. "They were going to get into us, they were going to be aggressive, they were going to foul and switch out."

After Morehead State took an early lead, the Panthers got into the Eagles, got to the foul line and took control in the second half of a 72-62 victory against Morehead State.

Jamel Artis scored 22 points and Michael Young added 20 points for Pitt (8-1).

"When a team plays scrappy we've just got to attack," Artis said. "Get to the rim, make the ref call a foul and that's what we did most of the game."

Brent Arrington scored 13 points while Corban Collins and Lyonell Gaines each chipped in 11 to lead Morehead State (5-3).

Morehead State led 14-10 after the game's first 10 minutes. The Eagles forced five turnovers and held the Panthers to a 4-of-11 shooting start.

"We were lackadaisical on the offensive end," Artis said. "They were into us in the beginning and we didn't come to the ball, we weren't aggressive."

Artis put back a missed jump shot and made the and-one free throw to tie the game at 15-15. Young then scored Pitt's next 10 points to help the Panthers establish a lead in the first half.

Pitt overcame a cold start from the field by making 16 of 21 free throws and led 35-28 at halftime. Morehead State shot 14 free throws in Sunday's game and was whistled for 25 fouls. Coach Sean Woods expected a physical game.

"I didn't think we were fouling that much," Woods said. "I think it should have been even but who am I? I didn't think we did any more fouling than they did for the most part."

The Panthers used an 11-0 run in the first three minutes of the second half to take an 18-point lead.

After Morehead State's solid first half, the Eagles couldn't keep up with the Panthers. Pitt shot 6 of 10 to start the second half and held Morehead State to 2-of-12 shooting in the first nine minutes out of halftime. Pitt extended its winning streak to four games. Sunday's low-scoring affair followed three straight 80-point games by the Panthers.