

Cougars Storms Past Howard on Thursday

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HOUSTON - University of Houston sophomore guard Danuel House led the way with 23 points, while junior forward TaShawn Thomas fell short of a triple-double with 11 points, 18 rebounds and seven blocked shots as the Cougars took a 75-62 win against Howard on Thursday night during the Progressive Legends Classic Regional inside Hofheinz Pavilion.

With the win, the Cougars improved to 5-0 for the second straight season and only the second time since 1997-98.

House connected on 7-of-17 shots from the field in the game and fell only a rebound shy of his first double-double of the season. However, the Sugar Land, Texas, native and Hightower High product posted his second straight 20-point game and third of the season and now leads the Cougars with 17.8 points per game.

Thomas led all players with his season-high 18 boards and added 11 points on 4-of-11 shooting. For the second straight game, he swatted a career-high seven blocked shots for his third double-double of the season and the 28th of his career.

The Killeen, Texas, native now needs only 36 points to become the 43rd player in school history to reach 1,000 during his career.

The Cougars overcame a slow start that saw them fall behind 19-9 midway through the first half. After battling back to move to within 23-17, Houston used a 17- run late in the opening period and built a 34-30 lead at the break for an advantage they would never surrender.

Although Houston didn't hit 50 percent from the field for the first time this season, the Cougars outshot the Bison 39.1 percent to 35.5 percent and outrebounded Howard 48-41 in the first meeting between the schools on the hardwood.

Sophomore guard Jherrod Stiggers posted 16 points with three 3-pointers, including 13 in the first half, while sophomore point guard L.J. Rose added 10 points with a game-high five assists.

Howard guard James Daniel led all players with 25 points and five 3-pointers, while guard Prince Okoroh added 11 points. Damon Collins totaled 10 points, and Marcel Boyd came off the bench to grab a team-high seven rebounds.

