Pitt Routs Stanford, 88-67

Lamar Patterson is named Legends Classic MVP after scoring 24 points for the Panthers; Cameron Wright earns all tournament team honors.

box score

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (AP) -- Lamar Patterson's 24 points led five players in double-figure scoring as Pittsburgh routed Stanford 88-67 in the championship game of the Progressive Legends Classic on Tuesday night.

Durand Johnson and Talib Zanna had 14 each. Cameron Wright chipped in with 13 and James Robinson added 10.

Pittsburgh improved to 6-0, and has a 31.3 point average margin of victory. Stanford fell to 5-2.

Dwight Powell led the Cardinal with 20 points. Anthony Brown and Chasson Randle had 16 and 10, respectively.

While Powell led all players with nine rebounds, Pittsburgh out-rebounded Stanford 31-29 and had a 10-6 advantage in offensive boards. The Panthers used the additional possessions to score 11 second-chance points.

Pittsburgh went into halftime with a 43-28 lead. Much of that advantage was gained in a 21-8 run late in the first half. Twelve of Pitt's 21 points in that span came from the foul line. The Panthers made 14 of 15 free throws in the first half and finished the game at 30 of 34 from the stripe.

It wasn't just from the foul line that Pitt hit from. The Panthers ended the game having made 45.5 percent of their shots from the field, including 47.1 percent from three-point range.

While Stanford connected on 50 percent (24-for-48) of their shots from the field, they did not take advantage of opportunities from the line or beyond the arc. The Cardinal was 14-for-20 from the free throw line and made 5-of-15 threes.

Fittingly, the game's biggest sequence was a three and a free throw. After Stanford had cut Pitt's lead to 11, Johnson hit a three from the left side of the court and was fouled by Chasson Randle. Johnson made the free throw to push Pitt's advantage to 70-55.

Tuesday night's win marked the second time in five years Pittsburgh won the early-season tournament.

Patterson was named MVP of the tournament, and was on the all-tournament team. He was joined by Wright, Powell, Jaye Crockett of Texas Tech and TaShawn Thomas of Houston.