

Pulling Away In Second

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NEW YORK- Anthony Brown and Dwight Powell both scored 20 points to lead Stanford past Houston 86-76 on Monday night in the semifinals of the Progressive Legends Classic at the Barclays Center.

Josh Huestis added his first double-double of the year with 13 points and 13 rebounds for Stanford (5-1), which shot 50.0 percent overall and held a 40-39 rebounding edge.

Stefan Nastic contributed a career-high 14 points and Aaron Bright tallied 11, as both players knocked down six free throws apiece to lead Stanford's 19-28 performance from the charity stripe.

Tied 32-32 at halftime, Stanford shot 66.7 percent in the second half and erupted for 54 points. Powell led the charge, scoring 14 of his 20 points in the second half on a variety of jumpers, put-backs and dunks.

Meanwhile, Houston (5-1) was limited to 37.5 percent shooting over the final 20 minutes. TaShawn Thomas kept the Cougars within striking distance, totaling 22 points, 14 rebounds, three blocks and five steals.

Houston's biggest lead of the first half came with 3:30 remaining, as a layup from Thomas gave the Cougars a 28-19 cushion.

Stanford quickly responded, ending the half on a 13-4 scoring run that included two three-pointers from Brown and tied the game at 32-32.

Tied at 39-39, the Cardinal moved in front 53-46 following a dunk from Powell with 11:47 remaining in the game. A jumper from Jherrod Stiggers brought the Cougars within five, but the Cardinal jumped its lead to 65-53 over the next four minutes.

Houston crept to within five points twice in the last three minutes before Stanford relied on free throws to pull away.

