

Veterans Help #10/11 Orange Edge William & Mary, 63-60

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Three of 10/11 Syracuse's veteran players turned in double-figure outings to help the Orange edge William & Mary, 63-60, in game two of the Legends Classic on Sunday. Syracuse improved to 4-0 on the season and William & Mary moved to 0-3.

Junior Kris Joseph paced SU with 18 points and seven rebounds and senior Rick Jackson recorded his third consecutive double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Junior Scoop Jardine tied career-highs in two statistical categories -- nine assists and five steals -- as he piloted SU's offense. He added 11 points.

Joseph jump started a 12-2 Syracuse run, netting the first five points of the game. The Tribe fought back to cut the Orange lead to three, 12-9, with 10:46 to play in the first half. Two consecutive steals by Mookie Jones led to four quick fast break points by Dion Waiters to put SU up, 20-9.

The final stretch of the first half was a three-point contest between the two teams, which ended in favor of the Tribe. Waiters and Jones each hit shots from behind the arc for Syracuse and William & Mary's Quinn McDowell drained three consecutive shots from long range. With 49 seconds remaining in the first half, the Tribe's sixth three-pointer of the afternoon by Matt Rum cut SU's lead to two. Syracuse held a 28-25 advantage at halftime.

The Orange took a nine-point lead to start the second half, but William & Mary clawed back and quickly evened the score. The Tribe knotted the game, 45-45, with 11:15 to play on a second chance shot from Marcus Kitts. A free throw by McDowell gave William & Mary its first lead of the game, 47-46, but a fade-away jumper by Joseph and a fast break dunk by Waiters put SU back on top, 50-47.

The final stretch of the second half featured four lead changes and the game was tied on two occasions. A fast break field goal by Joseph tied the game, 60-60, with 2:13 to play. An off-ball foul by the Tribe put freshman Baye Moussa Keita at the charity stripe where he sank one-of-two shots, to give SU a one point advantage, 61-60.

With SU up, 61-60 with 23 seconds remaining in regulation, the Tribe was forced to foul and send Joseph to the line. He made one out of two shots to give the Orange a two-point lead, 62-60. A William & Mary turnover with 8.5 seconds to play gave Syracuse possession of the ball. Joseph was fouled again and his free throw produced the final score of 63-60.

William & Mary, led by head coach Tony Shaver, was paced by McDowell and Kitts, who netted 16 points apiece.

Syracuse will play its first game away from home in the semifinal round of the Legends Classic in Atlantic City, N.J. on Friday, November 26. The Orange will take on Michigan at 8 p.m. Fans can watch the Orange against the Wolverines on HDTV and Time Warner Sports locally and tune into the Syracuse ISP Sports Network for a live broadcast of the matchup. Tickets for Championship Round games at Boardwalk Hall are now on sale and may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 800-736-1420 or through Ticketmaster.com.

