

Bearkats Win in Overtime

box score

Sam Houston won an overtime thriller over UC-Irvine 65-63 in the Legends Classic Huntsville subregional finale.

Sam Houston started hot and jumped out to a 12-2 lead after the first seven minutes. All-Tournament team selection Darius Gatson scored twice in the opening minutes.

Gatson finished with 13 points, three assists and six rebounds. He averaged 8.5 points, four assists, and three rebounds a game in the tournament.

Demarcus Gatlin was the leading scorer for the Bearkats. Gatlin had 15 points and five rebounds and was 7-12 from the free throw line. Terrance Motley had nine points and eight rebounds. Motley averaged just over nine points and seven rebounds per game in the Legends Classic.

After trailing 39-35 after the first five minutes of the second half, Sam Houston went on a 10-2 run to regain the lead at 45-41. The Kats got a pair of threes from Will Bond and Marquel McKinney.

For the Anteaters, Chris McNealy led all scorers with 16 points and had seven rebounds. McNealy was named to the all-tournament team after averaging 11 points and four rebounds a game.

The game remained tight the rest of the way as the Kats never had a lead larger than five points. An Adam Folker layup with 36 seconds left tied the ballgame at 58-58 and sent it into overtime.

In overtime, with 15 seconds left, Darius Gatson laid it in to give the Kats a 64-63 lead over the Anteaters. After the Gatson basket, Demarcus Gatlin took a charge with six seconds left in overtime to seal the win for the Bearkats.

All-Tournament Team

Davon Marshall - Liberty

Darius Gatson - Sam Houston State

Chris McNealy - UC-Irvine

Dwayne Davis - Southern Mississippi

Most Valuable Player - Jonathan Mills - Southern Mississippi

