

Muhammad Leads No. 11 UCLA Past Georgia, 60-56

Shabazz Muhammad scored 21 points for the Bruins.

[box score](#)

NEW YORK (AP) - [Shabazz Muhammad](#) scored 21 points and No. 11 UCLA made enough free throws late to hold off Georgia for a 60-56 win Tuesday in the consolation game of the Progressive Legends Classic in Brooklyn, N.Y.

In the final minutes on Tuesday night, UCLA (4-1) took the lead with Muhammad on the bench, on baskets by [Travis Wear](#) and [Jordan Adams](#), he re-entered with 1:58 left to play.

He made two free throws with 1:15 left, then scooped up a loose ball on the other end with a minute remaining and passed to [Norman Powell](#), who was fouled attempting a layup. Powell made one of his free throws, and the Bruins closed it out at the line to rebound from a tough loss the night before and avoid a long flight back to the West Coast.

"It was obviously an important bounce-back win after a disappointing defeat last night," UCLA coach [Ben Howland](#) said. "It felt really good to get the 'W' after the sting of defeat last night."

Wear finished with 10 points and eight rebounds for UCLA, and [Kyle Anderson](#) had nine rebounds and nine points.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope led the Bulldogs (1-4) with 16 points and had eight rebounds. Marcus Thornton had 10 rebounds for Georgia, which led by 11 about 3 1/2 minutes before the break.

"We didn't make the plays in the heart of the game that we needed to make," Fox said."

The Bruins got the second half off to a bright start, tying the game at 30 on [Travis Wear's](#) midrange jump shot.

Georgia's Caldwell-Pope answered with a quick 3-pointer before UCLA took its first lead following two free throws and [Norman Powell's](#) 3-pointer with less than four minutes gone.

Earlier, Georgia outmuscled UCLA underneath, mostly finding Nemanja Djuricic for easy layups.

The play was not helped by the atmosphere. Empty seats outnumbered fans at the Barclays Center, and some of the fans were wearing Indiana gear, waiting for the Hoosiers' appearance in the title game later in the evening.

Muhammad played 28 minutes in his first start of the season after playing as a reserve on Monday night in the Bruins' 78-70 loss to unranked Georgetown.

He appeared winded in the final five minutes of the game, and had to take a breather before coming back on for the final two minutes.

"I thought I was getting more comfortable out there and I am definitely looking to build more chemistry with the team and really getting my defensive game going," Muhammad said.

