

Doughty's 33 Leads No. 22 Auburn's 116-70 Win Over CSUN

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) -- Samir Doughty scored a career-high 33 points, J'Von McCormick had a school-record 16 assists and No. 22 Auburn jumped up big early on its way to a 116-70 win over CSUN on Friday night in the Roman Legends Classic presented by Old Trapper.

The Tigers (4-0), who needed a basket in the final seconds to beat South Alabama on Tuesday night, scored the first 11 points and led 66-38 at halftime.

"We overwhelmed our opponent, which we hadn't been able to do yet," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. It was the most points Auburn had scored since getting 119 against Winthrop on Nov. 24, 2017.

Doughty made his first five 3-pointers and scored 22 by halftime against the Matadors (0-4).

"Getting off to a good start was big on our plan today," he said. "We wanted to get off to a good start and just be aggressive."

The senior guard finished 10-of-15 shooting and made 6 of 8 3s. He also had eight rebounds. Doughty's previous career best was 23 points against Duquesne when he was a freshman at VCU.

Terrell Gomez led Cal State Northridge with 23 points and made five 3-pointers. He was coming off a career-best 33-point game against Pepperdine.

"I know they had a tough game the other night at South Alabama, so they came out ready and anxious and excited to play," CSUN coach Mark Gottfried said. "We would have probably struggled anyway but we're a little short-handed."

Reigning Big West player of the year Lamine Diane has been ruled ineligible this semester by the NCAA, pending an appeal.

McCormick had assists on five of Auburn's first nine baskets and kept setting up scores from there, while committing only one turnover. Freshman Isaac Okoro, who hit the game-winner with 2.9 seconds left against South Alabama, scored 17.

Danjel Purifoy had 16 points and Austin Wiley added 10 points and nine rebounds for Auburn.

Brendan Harrick scored 17 and also made five 3s for CSUN. Elijah Harkless scored 11 points and Jared Pearre had 10.

CSUN newcomer Miles Brookins, a La Salle transfer who flew to Alabama Thursday night after the NCAA granted him a waiver, tore his left ACL in the second half, Gottfried said.

"It's just heartbreaking for him," the coach said.