

## **Francis Scores 20 To Lift Richmond Past McNeese St. 87-57**

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)** -- Blake Francis scored 20 points and Richmond hit 16 3-pointers to beat McNeese State 87-57 in the Roman Legends Classic presented by Old Trapper on Friday night for its first 4-0 start since 1985.

Nick Sherod had 17 points with five 3-pointers for Richmond, which shot 57% from 3 and outrebounded the Cowboys 35-26. Jacob Gilyard added 15 points and six assists and Grant Golden had 10 points.

Leondre Washington had 15 points for the Cowboys (2-5), who trailed 42-27 at halftime. A.J. Lawson added 12 points and Shamarkus Kennedy had seven rebounds and three blocks.