

Cougars Get Past Illinois-Chicago In 2K Sports Classic, 78-66

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TOLEDO, Ohio – The College of Charleston men's basketball team shot 55.6 percent from the floor to get past Illinois-Chicago, 78-66, in the second of three-straight games in the subregional round of the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer held Saturday night at Savage Arena.

The Cougars (3-2) got off to a fast start with a 19-6 run and defensively held the Flames (2-2) without a bucket for more than four minutes of play including two shot-clock violations. A three-pointer by preseason Southern Conference Player of the Year Andrew Goudeock (Stone Mountain, Ga.) gave CofC its largest lead of the game, 33-15, at the 6:05 minute mark, but UIC never gave up and cut it down to 11 with a 40-29 margin at halftime.

The Flames caught second wind and went on a 13-6 run of their own to start the second half as they got within four of the Cougars, 46-42, on a dunk by Paul Carter, who ended the night with a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Robo Kreps scored 17 of his 26 points in the second half including a pair of free throws to get UIC within two, 55-53, with 10:29 remaining. UIC was sent to the line 19 times and made 13 to stay in the ballgame.

CofC would stretch its lead back out to double figures, 70-60, with six-straight points courtesy of a pair of layups by sophomore Willis Hall (Charlotte, N.C.) and a jumper by junior Antwaine Wiggins (Greeneville, Tenn.) with 5:38 to go. Hall contributed 10 points and helped the Cougars win the rebound war, 36-27, for the first time this season with six boards.

Goudeock and senior Jeremy Simmons (Lithonia, Ga.) combined for 43 of the team's 78 points in the game with 26 and 17 respectively. A driving layup with 45 seconds left in regulation moved Goudeock into third all-time in career scoring with 1,815 career points surpassing former CofC standout Sam Meade, who had 1,812 points from 1970-74. Simmons scored 11 of his 17 points in the second half.

CofC will close out 2K Sports Classic tournament play tomorrow against host Toledo (0-4) at 3 p.m. (ET). A live pay-per-view webcast feed of the game will be available on www.UTRockets.com and shared on www.CofCSports.com. Fans can also listen to the Toledo game live on ESPN Radio 910 AM in Charleston or via an audio link at www.charlestonsportsradio.com.