

Central Michigan beats Brown 71-58

Victory over the Bears in the second round

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EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Central Michigan prevented Brown from earning its first win of the season, as the Chippawas earned a 71-58 victory over the Bears in the second round of the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer.

The foul-marred game had 32 second half fouls whistled by the officials. Brown's starters were in foul trouble throughout with juniors Keenan Jeppesen and Mark MacDonald fouling out of the game for the Bears, who played short-handed due with injuries to sophomore guard Chris Skrelja and junior guard Damon Huffman.

Brown hung around in the second half, trailing by seven points, 33-26 with 17:47 remaining on a three-point play by Jeppesen. Central Michigan kept the Bears scoreless for the next 3:14, outscoring the Bears 6-0, to take control of the game, 39-26 on a lay-up by senior Sefton Barrett with 14:33 left in the game.

The first half was close throughout, and junior Mark McAndrew's two free throws with 3:21 left in the half tied the game, 23-23. Central Michigan outscored the Bears 7-0 to end the half to grab a 30-23 lead at intermission.

Senior Nate Eads equaled his career scoring high with 12 points to lead the Bears, connecting on 5 of 6 field goals. Senior guard Marcus Becker added 10 points for Brown, hitting 4 of 5 shots from the field. Senior Sam Manhanga knocked down nine points, while junior Mark McAndrew led the Bears with eight rebounds.

Barrett was the top scorer for the Chippawas with 14 points on 4 of 5 shooting from the field. Junior Giordan Watson (13 points) and senior Eddie Spencer (12 points) also scored in double figures for Central Michigan.

The Bears will be back in action again next Tuesday, November 14, against Navy in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

