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Titans Top FAU in First Night of 2K Sports Classic 77-44

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DETROIT – The University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball team tipped-off the first night of the 2K Sports Classic benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project with a solid 77-44 win over Florida Atlantic University Friday night at Calihan Hall. Nine different players scored in the Titans most balanced performance of the season.

Freshman guard Matthew Grant and junior forward Juwan Howard Jr., led Detroit (3-2) with 14 points apiece, while junior Patrick Onwenu and sophomore Anton Wilson pitched in 11. Freshman Jarod Williams added eight points, while sophomore Carlton Brundidge added seven. Senior center Ugochukwu Njoku scored six points, while grabbing a game-high nine rebounds to go with three blocked shots.

The Titans opened the game with an early 6-2 run, before FAU responded with back-to-back buckets to tie the score with 14 minutes left. But that was as close as the game would get as Detroit closed the half with a 26-14 run to take a 32-20 lead into the locker room. Howard led the Titans with 10 points, while Grant added seven.

Detroit put the game out reach early in the second stanza with a quick 7-0 run in the first two minutes to build a 39-20 lead. The Owls would trim the lead to 45-28 after a jumper from Pablo Bertone, before the Titans closed the game with a 32-16 run that included a back-to-back dunks from Njoku and a pair of three's from Grant.

Detroit shot 48.1 percent (26-of-54) overall, including 50 percent (7-of-14) from downtown, while holding FAU to 31.8 percent (14-of-44) overall, including 22.2 percent (2-of-9) from beyond the arc. The Owls out rebound Detroit 32-28, but the Titans did force a season-high 23 turnovers, while recording 10 steals and five blocked shots.

Detroit will continue its play in the 2K Sports Classic at Calihan Hall when it faces Toledo tomorrow (Saturday, Nov. 23) at 5:30 p.m. The game will be televised on live WADL TV 38.

Tickets for the 2K Sports Classic benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project at historic Calihan Hall are still available. For more information on season and general ticket information, click [here](#) or call the Detroit Ticket Office at (313) 993-1700.