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Pirates Beat Alcorn State for First Win of Season

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FARGO, N.D. – Four players scored in double figures Friday evening for the Hampton University men's basketball team, which picked up its first win of the season with an 82-69 win over Alcorn State in Scheels Arena as part of the 2K Classic.

Junior guard [Brian Darden](#) (Hampton, Va.) led all scorers with 18 points, hitting four of his nine shots – all from behind the arc – and going 6-for-6 from the free throw line. Guard [Quinton Chievous](#) (Chicago, Ill.) added 16 points and a team-high seven rebounds.

Junior forward [Jervon Pressley](#) (Charlotte, N.C.) went 5-for-7 from the floor and 5-for-7 from the free throw line for 15 points, while redshirt junior guard [Dwight Meikle](#) (Baltimore, Md.) added 11 points.

Junior guard [Deron Powers](#) (Williamsburg, Va.) dished out a team-high six assists.

The Pirates (1-2) shot 46.4 percent (26-for-56) from the floor and hit seven of 18 3-pointers (38.9 percent). Hampton was also strong from the free throw line, hitting 23 of 26 shots from the charity stripe (88.5 percent).

Hampton out-scored Alcorn State 32-16 off the bench and 30-24 in the paint. The Pirates also held a 40-30 rebounding edge.

Alcorn State (0-3) held an early 6-4 lead, before the Pirates went on a 9-3 run to take a 13-7 lead at the 15:51 mark after a layup from Chievous. Kenyan Pittman ended the run with a 3-point play, cutting the lead to 13-10, before the Pirates went on an 8-2 run to take a 21-12 lead with 9:55 left in the half after a jumper from Pressley.

A layup from Pressley at the 5:16 mark gave the Pirates a 33-20 lead, before Alcorn State scored the next six points to cut the lead to 33-26. But the Pirates closed the half on a 10-4 run, culminating in a jumper from junior forward [Dionte Adams](#) (Charlotte, N.C.) with 14 seconds left.

That basket gave Hampton a 43-30 halftime lead.

Darden had 11 points at the half, while Pressley had 10. The Pirates shot 51.6 percent (16-for-31) from the floor in the opening 20 minutes.

Hampton scored six of the first eight points to open the second half, taking a 49-32 lead after a 3-point play from Chievous at the 16:15 mark. Alcorn State kept it within that range, cutting the lead to 55-43 at the 11:59 mark of the second half.

The Pirates scored the next nine points, though, taking a 64-43 lead after a 3-pointer from sophomore guard [Lawrence Cooks](#) (Charlotte, N.C.) with 8:10 left to play. But Alcorn State went on a 20-7 run to cut the lead to 71-63 with 3:36 to play.

Hampton answered with an 8-2 run, taking a 79-65 lead with 1:47 to play after Darden drained a pair of free throws. Powers added two free throws of his own with 22 seconds left to put the Pirates ahead 81-67.

Hampton made five of its last six free throws to clinch the win.

The Pirates will face either North Dakota State or Kennesaw State on Saturday.