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Balanced Attack Leads UC Irvine over LIU Brooklyn, 84-64

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IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine took control of the game midway through the first half and went on to defeat LIU Brooklyn, 84-64, in the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project Irvine Subregional Friday night at the Bren Events Center.

Senior Chris McNealy scored a game-high 15 points, hitting 6 of 8 shots, and added four rebounds and three assists for the 'Eaters, who improved to 3-2 on the season. McNealy has 886 points in his UCI career.

Junior forward Will Davis II recorded 12 points, eight boards, three assists and two blocked shots as he became UCI's all-time leader in blocks with 150 to pass Adam Parada's 149 on the career list.

Freshman center Mamadou Ndiaye also scored 12 points, hitting 5 of 5 shots, and added five rebounds and three blocked shots.

Freshman guard Luke Nelson scored 10 points, sophomore Dominique Dunning nine and sophomore Mike Best eight.

Landon Atterberry led LIU Brooklyn (1-2) with 14 points, hitting 6 of 8 from the field, and Gilbert Parga scored 10 points.

A three-point play by Davis gave the 'Eaters a 10-point lead at 23-13 with 10:41 left in the first half and UCI extended the margin to 18 at 46-28 at the break. McNealy scored 12 points in the opening half and Davis 11.

The 'Eaters didn't let up to start the second half, building a 26-point lead at 61-35 on a basket by John Ryan with 13:42 remaining.

UCI's largest lead of the night was 76-45 on a three by Reed McConnell with 7:06 left.

The 'Eaters shot 55 percent from the field and have been 50 percent or better in the first five games of the season. The Blackbirds shot 34.4 percent. UCI, which won the battle of the boards, 44-29, hit 13 of 17 free throws and LIU Brooklyn 16 of 23.

The 'Eaters, who had 25 assists in the game, outscored the Blackbirds, 38-20, in the paint.

UCI faces Boston University at 5:30 p.m. Saturday on the second day of the Classic. LIU Brooklyn meets Eastern Washington at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Washington defeated Boston University, 80-68 in Friday's first game.

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