

Maryland beats Hampton 102-75

Maryland advances to the second round

box score

COLLEGE PARK, Md. -- D.J. Strawberry scored 19 points, Ekene Ibekwe had 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Maryland beat Hampton 102-75 Tuesday night to advance to the second round of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic.

The Terrapins (1-0) on Wednesday will face Vermont, which cruised past New Orleans 82-65 in the opener of a doubleheader that drew a crowd of 7,148.

Maryland scored the game's first six points and never relinquished the lead. The Terrapins led by 13 with eight minutes gone and by 25 late in the first half, even though coach Gary Williams used 11 different players in the opening 20 minutes.

It was 51-34 early in the second half before a jumper by Mike Jones and a three-point play by Strawberry extended the lead. Hampton never cut the gap below 20 the rest of the way.

Jones scored 13 points for Maryland, which placed six players in double figures. Freshman Eric Hayes had five assists in his debut as Maryland's starting point guard.

Demario Mattox led the Pirates (0-1) with 21 points and Vincent Simpson scored 14, only two after halftime.

Hampton, the defending Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion, lost its first game under coach Kevin Nickelberry. The Pirates have 10 newcomers on the roster, including seven freshmen.

Hampton launched 44 3-point attempts, making only 11.

Maryland took a 10-1 lead while Hampton missed its first 10 shots from the floor. It was 14-8 before Terrapins forward Bambale Osby made his first career basket, sparking a 7-0 run that upped the margin to 13.

With nine minutes gone, the Pirates were 4-for-22 from the field, including 1-for-12 from 3-point range. They also had 11 fouls and five turnovers.

The Terrapins upped their lead to 30-13 before Freeman sandwiched a pair of three-point plays around a Maryland basket to bring the Pirates to 32-19. Osby then scored on a dunk, and James Gist had five straight points before a 3-pointer by Jones and a dunk by Strawberry put Maryland up 44-19.

