

Maryland beats Vermont 81-63

Maryland advances to the semi-finals

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COLLEGE PARK, Md. --Mike Jones and D.J. Strawberry each scored 19 points, and Maryland advanced to the semifinals of the 2K College Hoops Classic by beating Vermont 81-63 Wednesday night.

The Terrapins' next game in the tournament will be Nov. 16 at Madison Square Garden. Before that, they play Florida A&M on Sunday.

With Jones leading the way, Maryland (2-0) stretched a four-point advantage into a 45-28 lead with 16:34 left. Jones scored 11 points in the final 4 minutes of the first half, then had a follow and a 3-pointer in a 9-1 run immediately after halftime.

Jones went 8-for-15 from the floor and tied his career high with five assists. Bambale Osby scored 11 points and freshman Eric Hayes had eight assists for Maryland, which opened the tournament by defeating Hampton 102-75.

Mike Trimboli scored 15 points on 5-for-17 shooting and had five of Vermont's seven assists. The Catamounts (1-1) finished with a 49-38 rebounding edge, but shot 33 percent and went 2-for-16 from beyond the arc.

Neither team led by more than four points until Maryland got five points from Jones in a 9-1 run that made it 28-19. After Vermont got within five, Jones closed the half with two straight jumpers for a 36-27 lead.

Strawberry opened the second half with two free throws and Jones made a basket before another two foul shots by Strawberry made it 42-27. Jones then followed a Vermont free throw with a jumper behind the key.

Midway through the half, Osby made a foul shot, a layup and a jumper in the paint to put the Terrapins up 65-43. Osby, a junior college transfer, finished 4-for-4 with three foul shots and four rebounds in 11 minutes.

