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Second-Half Surge Leads Bison Past Hampton for 2k Classic Regional Title, 74-66

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FARGO, N.D. – The North Dakota State University men's basketball team overcame a nine-point deficit in the second half to pull away for a 74-66 victory over Hampton in the championship game of the 2k Classic sub-regional held at Scheels Arena on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Redshirt freshman [A.J. Jacobson](#) poured in a season-high 19 points for the Bison, and freshman guard [Paul Miller](#) scored 17 for the second straight game.

NDSU (2-2 overall) shot 11-of-23 from three-point range and 45 percent overall. The Bison committed just eight turnovers in the game.

Down 44-35 early in the second half, the Bison rattled off a 9-0 run to tie the game at 44-44. NDSU trailed 52-51 with 15 minutes remaining, but a three-pointer by [Lawrence Alexander](#) gave the Bison a lead and Jacobson hit another trey to stretch the margin to five points.

NDSU outscored the Pirates 39-24 in the second half.

Miller, Jacobson and [Chris Kading](#), who scored 12 points and hit two threes on Saturday, were named to the All-Tournament Team. Miller earned Most Valuable Player honors for the Fargo sub-regional.

The Bison led 30-27 with five minutes left in the first half before the Pirates hit their next three shots to take a 35-32 advantage. Hampton pushed its lead to nine points at 42-33 on a three-point play by Chievous. A jumper in the lane at the buzzer by [A.J. Jacobson](#) made the halftime margin 42-35.

Hampton shot 61.5 percent and went 6-of-7 from three-point range in the first half.

Sophomore forward [Dexter Werner](#) came off the NDSU bench to register three blocked shots. [Carlin Dupree](#) filled the stat sheet with seven points, seven rebounds and five assists in a career-high 35 minutes for the Bison.

NDSU hosts Minnesota-Crookston at Scheels Arena on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 7 p.m.