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## Miller Lifts Bison to Victory in Game of Runs, 68-55 over Kennesaw State

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FARGO, N.D. – The North Dakota State men's basketball team let a 23-point lead slip away, but the Bison closed the game on a 16-0 run to ultimately earn a 68-55 victory over Kennesaw State in the home opener on Friday night at Scheels Arena. It was the first career win for NDSU's first-year head coach, [David Richman](#).

Freshman guard [Paul Miller](#) led NDSU with 17 points and a 3-of-4 effort from three-point range. Junior forward [Chris Kading](#) added 12 points, and [Lawrence Alexander](#) and [Kory Brown](#) each scored 11. Redshirt freshman [A.J. Jacobson](#) led the Bison with eight rebounds and three assists.

Kennesaw State (0-4 overall) held a 14-10 lead seven minutes into the contest, but the Bison put together a 10-0 run that turned into a 29-5 run over the final 13 minutes of the half. NDSU led 39-19 at the break.

NDSU (1-2 overall) led by as many as 23 points after [A.J. Jacobson](#) hit a three-pointer on the first possession of the second half. Kennesaw State rallied with a 24-4 run to trim its deficit to two points at 48-46 with just under 11 minutes remaining in the contest, as the Owls made six of their first eight three-point attempts after halftime.

The Owls took a 53-52 lead on a pair of free throws by Bernard Morena with 8:23 left. Trailing 55-52, the Bison got a boost from Miller, who drained a three-pointer to tie the game with 7:10 remaining. NDSU scored 13 more in a row from that point on, and Kennesaw State did not score in the final seven minutes.

NDSU shot 23-for-50 (46 percent) for the game, including a 7-for-17 effort beyond the arc. The Bison posted a 35-26 rebounding advantage. Nigel Pruitt led Kennesaw State with a game-high 20 points and six treys.

NDSU will play Hampton tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the 2k Classic Sub-Regional Championship. The Pirates defeated Alcorn State 82-69 in Friday's opener at Scheels Arena.