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High-Powered Rockets Improve to 4-0 with 103-99 Win Over Stony Brook

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DETROIT, MI - Toledo topped the century mark against an NCAA Division I opponent for the first time in nearly 10 years en route to an exciting 103-99 victory over reigning America East champion Stony Brook at Calihan Hall. The Rockets' victory improved their overall record to 4-0, with the contest the first of three games UT will play at this weekend's 2K Sports Classic Subregional.

Junior guard Julius Brown paced five Rockets in double figures with 23 points, shooting 5-of-9 from the field and a perfect 10-of-10 from the charity stripe. Also scoring in double digits were senior guard Rian Pearson (15 pts.), sophomore center Nathan Boothe (15 pts.), junior forward J.D. Weatherspoon (12 pts.) and junior guard Justin Drummond (10 pts.).

Weatherspoon paced UT with seven rebounds, helping the Rockets to a 34-26 advantage on the glass. Brown continued to distribute the ball with tremendous efficiency with eight assists and is now averaging 9.3 apg in four games.

Senior guard Anthony Jackson paced the Seawolves with a game-high 36 points, including a phenomenal 7-of-9 showing from behind the three-point arc.

Toledo shot 52.5 from the field, but Stony Brook was even hotter with a 59.3 FG% and a 64.7 3PT FG% (11-of-17). The Rockets held a significant advantage at the charity stripe though, converting 34-of-42 attempts compared to the Seawolves' 18-of-25 totals.

One key stretch late in the game came after a Jackson trey had brought Stony Brook within 86-83, with 5:08 remaining. Boothe then took over with three straight baskets to give UT a 92-83 cushion with just over three minutes to play.

SBU didn't go quietly though as Jackson hit three more three-pointers to cut UT's lead to 99-96 with 12 ticks left. Brown then hit a pair of free throws, but Seawolf redshirt freshman Ahmad Walker nailed another bomb with four seconds left to make it a two-point contest, 101-99. Boothe sealed the game though with two more free throws with 2.2 seconds left.

The last time the Rockets topped the 100-point barrier vs. an NCAA Division I opponent was a 103-66 win over Wright State on Dec. 22, 2003.

Toledo is averaging an eye-popping 94.8 ppg in its first four games this season and shooting 54.6 percent from the field. UT enjoyed its best outing from the three-point arc of the young season, knocking down a season-high 7-of-13 shots from distance for a season-best 53.8 conversion rate.

Toledo looks to continue its impressive start to the season when it battles host Detroit tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. The Titans (2-2) rolled to a 77-44 triumph over Florida Atlantic in the second game of the evening