Record performance, buzzer-beater lead #Seawolves to triple overtime win over Detroit

Warney has 32 points and 21 rebounds and Jackson nails clutch three-pointers.

box score

DETROIT - In a game that had ups and downs, thrilling moments left and right and overtime after overtime, it came down to sophomore Jameel Warney (Plainfield, N.J.) doing what he does best - rebound and score. He capped a 32-point, 21-rebound performance with a game-winning layup with five seconds left in triple overtime to lift the Stony Brook men's basketball team to a 104-102 win over Detroit in the final game of the 2KSports Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project Sunday at Calihan Hall.

Warney's 32 and 21 were both career highs and the 21 rebounds set a new #Seawolves Div. I single-game record. Senior Anthony Jackson (Columbus, Ohio) had 24 points, including the game-tying, buzzer-beating three-pointer at the end of regulation and a four-point play in the second overtime that helped Stony Brook (5-2) tie the game again. The game was Stony Brook's longest since a four-overtime marathon against Boston University on Jan. 19, 2009.

Warney was named the 2KSports Classic Detroit subregional MVP, and Jackson claimed All-Tournament honors.

Head Coach Steve Pikiell's Reaction
"I'm very proud of our team. We were able to come back and beat a very talented and well-coached Detroit team. Playing against the host school, third game in three days, I told our guys we needed to be road tough. And they responded with an incredible performance."

Turning Point
You can't just name one turning point in this game. It started with Stony Brook using a 20-0 run early in the second half, including seven points from Warney, to turn a 10-point deficit into a 10-point lead, 54-44.

Detroit fought back to tie the game at 60-60 and then take a 68-62 lead with 2:40 to play. The #Seawolves came right back with layups and free throws to set up a final play with five seconds left. Sophomore Carson Puriefoy (Wenonah, N.J.) drove up court and passed to Jackson in the near corner in front of the Stony Brook bench, and the senior point guard buried the tying three to make it 75-75.

In the first overtime, the #Seawolves held an 81-77 lead with 1:41 left, but the Titans used free throws to tie the game and send it to a second overtime.

This time Detroit went up five, 93-88, after a pair of free throws from Juwan Howard Jr.. But Jackson was there again to drill a three-pointer and draw contact for a foul. He made the four-point play to get the #Seawolves within one. Detroit made only one of two at the free throw line, and Puriefoy again came up big with an assist to Warney for a layup to knot the score again at 94-94.

In the third overtime, the #Seawolves finally ended the marathon. With the game tied at 102-102, Howard missed the second of two free throws and then missed a jumper with 43 seconds left that could have given the Titans the lead. That set the stage for Stony Brook to win it on a final shot. Jackson took a jumper on the wing, but his shot missed, and Warney was there to grab his 21st rebound and put it back in for the score. Howard missed a game-winning three-point attempt at the buzzer, ending the thrilling game.