

Georgia Southern Tastes Victory Against Portland

Elton Nesbitt contributed 27 points to the win

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LUBBOCK, Texas – Elton Nesbitt scored 27 points as Georgia Southern defeated Portland 89-75 Thursday night in the first round of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic.

Sean Olivier scored 14 points in the game.

Georgia Southern (1-0) took as much as a 22-point lead early in the second half behind six early points from Nesbitt and nine second half points from Jimmy Tobias.

Nesbitt and three other Eagle players got into foul trouble but managed to keep a lead and themselves in the game.

Georgia Southern had four players in double figures. Donte Gennie and Sean Olivier scored 14 points each and Tobias finished with 10 for the Eagles.

Georgia Southern took an early 15-5 lead over Portland but allowed the Pilots back in with a 10-0 run. Olivier tied a career-high 10 rebounds and set a new career high in points.

Portland (0-1) switched to a zone defense and allowed Georgia Southern to go on a 10-0 run and eventually take a 45-34 lead at the half.

Marcus Lewis scored 24 points for the Pilots and Pooh Jeter added 10.

