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Toledo Rolls to 94-74 Win over Florida Atlantic to Improve to 6-0

box score

DETROIT, MI – Toledo capped off an exciting weekend in the Motor City and improved to 6-0 on the season on Sunday afternoon with a 94-74 victory over Florida Atlantic at the 2K Sports Classic Subregional. The Rockets' unbeaten start is their best in 15 years when UT opened the 1998-99 campaign with ten straight victories.

Junior guard Justin Drummond led the Rockets with a season-high 23 points. Also scoring in double figures were senior guard Rian Pearson with 17 points and junior guard Julius Brown and sophomore center Nathan Boothe with 12 points apiece. Freshman guard Jonathan Williams came off the bench to contribute nine points.

Senior guard Pablo Bertone topped the Owl attack with 29 points, while sophomore guard Jackson Trapp contributed 14 points.

Toledo outshot Florida Atlantic by a 51.8- 47.6 margin, but the biggest key for the Rockets was a 34-of-36 (94.4 percent) performance at the charity stripe. The Owls meanwhile converted just eight of their 18 free-throw attempts.

UT also took care of the ball significantly better than FAU, committing just nine turnovers compared to the Owls' 15 miscues leading to a 21-6 advantage in points off turnovers.

The rebounding department was even for the Rockets for a second-straight contest as both squads grabbed 32 caroms. Junior forward J.D. Weatherspoon paced UT on the glass with a game-high eight boards.

The Rockets trailed for just a 20-second stretch in the contest and took the lead for good, 16-15, on a Drummond layup with 12:21 to play in the first half. Toledo then put together a 12-2 spurt later in the stanza to extend its advantage to 38-23 just over four minutes before the halftime break.

UT led by as many as 18 points in the opening stanza, but Bertone nailed a trey just before the half ended to cut the Rockets' lead to 44-29.

Toledo pushed its lead to 50-31 just over a minute into the second half on a Drummond steal and lay-in. Bertone then went on a scoring spree, notching the Owls' next 15 points for the Owls to cut UT's lead to eight, 56-48, with 14:07 to play..

UT finally put away FAU with 7-0 burst for an 83-63 cushion with 4:46 left.

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