

Ojeleye has 26 points, 14 rebounds, as SMU beats Gardner-Webb

DALLAS (AP) - Semi Ojeleye scored 26 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as SMU cruised to a 72-44 season-opening victory over Gardner-Webb on Friday night.

Ojeleye was 8 of 15 from the floor and made three 3-pointers. Shake Milton had 13 points, and Sterling Brown and Jarrey Foster added 11 apiece for the Mustangs in coach Tim Jankovich's debut. Jankovich takes over the program after four seasons as associate head coach under Larry Brown.

Tyrell Nelson led Gardner-Webb with 13 points. David Efanayi added 10 points. The Bulldogs shot 31 percent overall from the floor, and just 23 percent on 5-of-22 shooting in the second half.

The Mustangs trailed 28-27 at halftime, but opened the second half on a 10-0 run and cruised from there. Ojeleye scored five points and Milton hit a 3-pointer during the stretch.