

No. 19 UConn takes down Boston University, 77-60

STORRS, Conn. - University of Connecticut junior forward DeAndre Daniels broke out of his scoring slump with 24 points to lead the Huskies to a 77-60 win over Boston University on Sunday in the 2K Sports Classic Benefitting The Wounded Warriors Program. Daniels had scored just 19 points in the Huskies first three games of the season.

UConn, ranked No. 19 in the country, improves to 4-0 on the young season while the Terriers are 2-1. The game was played before a crowd of 9,195 at Gampel Pavilion.

"I was able to get myself going and knock a couple of shots down," said Daniels, who was just two points off his career high. "Shabazz (Napier) told me the middle of their zone was wide open, so I kept going to the middle and they kept leaving me wide open."

Sophomore guard Ryan Boatright added 16 points and senior guard Shabazz Napier had 12 points, 12 rebounds and six assists for UConn, which lost a 19-point first-half lead before pulling away again in the second half.

D.J. Irving had 17 points for Boston University, which had a one-point lead with 17 1/2 minutes to play. Dom Morris added 13 points and nine rebounds, and Maurice Watson Jr. also scored 13 for the Terriers. "We just had a few mental lapses in the second half," said Morris. "We had our run, they went on their run and we couldn't get back on our run."

Daniels, who was 10 of 18 from the floor against BU, got the Huskies off to a quick start, scoring eight points in a 10-0 run to open the game. He hit five of his first six shots from the field, while BU was missing its first 12 shots, going without a field goal for the first 8 1/2 minutes.

Consecutive threes by sophomore guard Omar Calhoun (Brooklyn, N.Y.) and Boatright put UConn up 32-13, its largest lead of the half. The Huskies were up 37-20 before Boston University began a 15-0 run, scoring the final 12 points of the half.

UConn appeared to be holding for a final shot, but a miss by Napier with 6 seconds left led to fast break for BU. Maurice Watson Jr. found D.J. Irving on the right wing and his 3-pointer right before the halftime buzzer cut the lead to 37-32.

John Papale made two three-pointers and Irving hit a jumper to help Boston grab a 43-42 lead early in the second half. The Terriers have made at least one 3-pointer in 526 consecutive games.

They attempted 32 of them against UConn, making eight. The Huskies also made eight shots from behind the arc, but on just 17 attempts. The teams were tied at 46 when UConn put together a 16-3 run. Consecutive dunks by Boatright and Daniels made it 53-46. Napier hit two 3-pointers to make it a 10-point lead again at 59-49.

UConn won despite getting just 20 points from its bench, which came in averaging more than 36 points this season. The Huskies had six players score in double figures on Thursday night. Connecticut has now won 41 straight non-conference games at Gampel Pavilion.