FREDERICK FLYING COWS

Flying Cows Outlast Albany In Thrilling 112-109 Win

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The Frederick Flying Cows and Albany Patroons were about as evenly matched as possible through the first half of play at the Washington Avenue Armory in Albany.

Both teams had scored 26 a piece in the first and second quarters leading to a perfectly symmetrical 52-52 score going into the halftime break. The back-and-forth play continued until late in the third quarter. With 2:19 remaining, Frederick clung to an 80-79 lead, but then Ed Corporal sent forward Torey Fassett into the game for the first time and turned the game on its head. The 34-year-old Fassett has struggled to find minutes so far this season, averaging only three and a half per game coming into the game, but he immediately established his presence. Fassett scored eight straight points, shooting a perfect 3-3 from the field and 2-2 from behind the arc, he then assisted a Caleb Wood three-pointer with 10 seconds left in the quarter to cap off an 11-0 run and give Frederick a 91-79 lead going into the fourth and silencing the stunned Albany crowd.

Frederick could not hold the lead, however, and Albany clawed back to tie the score at 107 on a Josh Williams slam dunk with only 1:37 remaining, but Mustapha Traore came to the rescue, corralling the offensive rebound after Tavares Sledge had his layup attempt blocked, and laying it in to give the Cows the lead for good against his former team with 39 seconds left. Caleb Wood got a key steal at the other end and Albany was forced to send him to the free-throw line with only 17 seconds left. Wood drilled both free throws to give Frederick a 111-107 lead and effectively seal the game.

Frederick showed off an impressively balanced attack with seven players reaching double-digit points. The Flying Cows also benefited from 63 bench points, led by new acquisition Theo Johnson who poured in 15. Caleb Wood, Torey Fassett, and Bilal Richardson combined to shoot a perfect 11-11 from the field, with all three scoring their season highs. Wood and Richardson finished with 12 points while Fassett had 8. Tevin Foster and Tavares Sledge both had double-doubles, with Foster having 14 points and 10 assists, while Sledge scored 11 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

The win moves Frederick to 5-1 in TBL play and keeps them in first place in the Atlantic Northeast division. Albany has now dropped their second game in roughly 24 hours and falls to 3-3. Frederick will face another 5-1 opponent, the Virginia Valley Vipers, for the second time this season. Frederick won the first meeting 93-86 on March 3rd.

See The Full Box Score