FREDERICK FLYING COWS

Flying Cows Suffer First Home Loss

Saturday, April 27th, 2024 Frederick, MD

24 hours after the Flying Cows had their 7 game winning streak snapped in a 137-119 road loss against the Reading Rebels, Frederick fell at home for the first time to the Virginia Valley Vipers 115-111, in overtime.

It looked like Frederick was poised to pull away in the fourth quarter when Mustapha Traore threw down a thunderous slam dunk to put the Cows up 94-83 with 5:34 remaining, but the Vipers were not rattled, chipping away in the final minutes until Derrell Armstrong's layup tied the game at 100 with 1.5 seconds left.

In the four minute overtime period, Frederick scored the first basket, but Virginia Valley answered with six straight points and the Cows never recovered, as Virginia Valley closed out the game with excellent free throw shooting. As a team, Virginia Valley went 39-42 (92.9%) from the charity stripe.

For the Vipers, Quentin Scott and Michael Brown led the way. Scott finished with 36 points and 11 rebounds, converting on 14 out of 15 free throw attempts, while Brown finished with 23 points and 9 rebounds. Brown made 15 out of 16 free throws.

For Frederick, 7 players reached double digit points. Mustapha Traore led the way with 23 points and Tavares Sledge controlled the boards with 15 points and 15 rebounds. Frederick was plagued by poor outside shooting, making only 3 out of 27 three point attempts.

In the loss to Reading on thursday, Sledge and Traore both had double-doubles. Sledge had 20 points and 12 rebounds, while Traore had 18 points and 10 rebounds. Reading's hot shooting was too much to overcome, however, as the Rebels shot 48% from beyond the arc and 59% from the floor. Baltimore native, Aquille Carr, led the way for the Rebels, finishing with 32 points, 10 assists and 4 steals.

The Flying Cows hope to get back in the win column on Sunday against the Jamestown Jackals, whom they will be playing for the first time.

See the <u>full Virginia Valley box score</u> See the <u>full Reading box score</u>