

Flying Cows Lose In Game 1 of the TBL Playoffs

Thursday, May 30th, 2024 Albany, NY

In the first game of the first round of the TBL playoffs, the #1 seed (20-4) Frederick Flying Cows headed up to Albany to take on the historic Patroons, as the #3 seed (18-6), in game 1 of the Atlantic Northeastern championship series.

Elite level scoring was in full effect in this matchup. The Flying Cows came out of the gates with a great start to the game, leading the Patroons 21-16 only 4 minutes into the ballgame. Following that, Albany was able to take their first lead 4:04 left in the first quarter, making the score 24-23. After a back and forth first quarter, the Patroons took the lead 38-37 at the end of the quarter and then never looked back. By the end of the first half the Albany Patroons extended their lead to over 20 points on multiple occasions and led 74-53 at the half. The Patroons shot 75% from the 3 point arc in the first half. Their dominance continued in the third quarter as they extended their lead up to 22 at the end of the third.

The start of the fourth quarter is when the tide finally shifted for all the Cows fans cheering on the team! Quickly in the fourth quarter, the Flying Cows battled the lead and brought it down to a 6 point game. With 8:12 left in the game, the Flying Cows were only down by 1, by a score of 106-105. However, the Cows were never able to get over the hump and take the lead, despite valiant efforts by multiple Cows players. With just under 5 minutes left it was a 2 point ballgame, but the Patroons controlled the game the rest of the way. The game ended with a score of 130-118, Patroons Win.

The Flying Cows were again led by Charlie Marquardt, fresh off his franchise record 46 point effort on Sunday, who finished with 31 points and 4 steals. Tavares Sledge, Mustapha Traore and Kyle Steward were other key contributors for the Cows. The Patroons were carried by a tremendous 36 point performance from Ja'Quaye James and star guard Shadell Millinghaus.

The Cows are now in a must win situation and must win games 2 & 3 to keep their historic inaugural season alive. The series continues with a must win game this Saturday at 7:00pm at the Woodsboro Bank Arena on the campus of Hood College, followed by a 5:00pm tip on Sunday if a Game 3 is necessary.

See the full Albany Box Score