

Flying Cows Dig Deep, Get the Statement Win Over Vipers 110-106

Saturday April 5th, 2025 Frederick, MD

The Flying Cows travelled to Purceville, VA for their first of three road games vs. the Virginia Valley Vipers this season. This one was a battle from start to finish, a true test of grit, heart, and composure under pressure. The Frederick Flying Cows walk away from Virginia with their toughest win of the season, 110-106.

Virginia came out with intensity, setting the tone in the paint behind physical play from Dorian Benford, who racked up six quick points and two boards in the opening quarter. The Vipers led by as much as 15-11 early before Tavares Sledge answered with an and-one that gave the Flying Cows their first lead. Captain Tavares Sledge scored 13 points to go along with 5 rebounds and 1 steal.

A late 14-6 run by the Vipers had the home crowd rocking as they took a 29-22 lead into the second.

The second quarter got feisty. A hard foul sparked a heated exchange, resulting in a technical and the ejection of #1 overall pick Dorian Benford. With the Vipers down their starting center, the Flying Cows turned up the heat. Defensive pest Damien Daniels added 6 points, 9 assist, 4 rebounds, a handful of steals and countless defensive pressures, to help spark the comeback, while Quentin Scott, the former Cow turned Viper, reminded fans why he's second in the league in scoring, dropping 19 in the half. Scott racked up 35 points, 9 rebounds, and 3 assists in over 45 minutes on the court.

Despite shooting struggles and being out-rebounded 22-18 in the first half, the Flying Cows cut into the lead late behind relentless energy. They trailed just 59-52 at the break.

The Flying Cows opened the third quarter like they had something to prove which they did. Within two minutes, the Cows erased the deficit and took a 60-59 lead. The Flying Cows used their length and lateral quickness to create havoc defensively, converting turnovers into points and building a 9-point cushion by the end of the third, leading 85-78.

Back-to-back alley-oops quieted the crowd and extended the Cows lead to 93-78. The ball movement was crisp, the defense was rotating beautifully, and Ed Dyson took over late. Dyson dropped 12 fourth-quarter points, including clutch free throws, finishing with an impressive 26 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals.

The Vipers didn't go quietly. Quentin Scott splashed a deep three to cut it to 2 with under a minute left, but the Flying Cows stayed composed against full-court pressure and double teams, closing the game with poise.

The Flying Cows showed the league what they're made of. Down big, on the road, facing elite talent, they answered the call. This team is 5th in the league in points per game, 1st in rebounds per game, 1st in 2-point field goals made per game. The Cows hit the 10-0 benchmark, the first time in the lengthy career of Head Coach Ed Corporal, and look ahead to their sixth road game of the season, this Thursday against the Reading Rebels.

In addition to Dyson, the Cows were led by 22 points from Martavian Payne - including two game clinching free throws, a 14 point, 12 rebound double-double from Javon Adams and an 18 point performance from Kyle Steward.

The Vipers fall to 5-4 and 0-2 in the season series against the Cows, with three more battles on the horizon. With the All-Star break approaching, all eyes will be on if the Cows can reach the break 13-0!

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