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Flying Cows Stunned at Home by Breaks 99-106

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Frederick, MD

The Frederick Flying Cows squared off against the 3-14 Jersey Shore Breaks in what proved to be a defensive chess match. Jersey Shore, coming off an upset win against the Vipers, entered with momentum and something to prove, and despite their underwhelming record, they showed up ready. Behind an impressive performance from TBL All-Star and former New York Knick Chris Smith, the Breaks did just that. They defeated the Flying Cows 106-99, snapping Frederick's undefeated season.

The Flying Cows came out of the gates firing on all cylinders, racing to a 10-point lead midway through the first. Team captain Tavares Sledge looked sharp early, setting the tone with 11 points in the first quarter. He finished this game with 20 points, 5 assists, and 11 Rebounds.

Chris Smith of the Breaks made his presence felt immediately, dropping 10 points in the first eight minutes, showcasing his excellent midrange jumper. By the end of the quarter, the Breaks had weathered the storm, chipping away at the lead and cutting it down to 5, trailing 29-24. Smith finished with 37 points, 7 rebounds, and 6 assists.

Momentum began to shift as the Breaks picked up the tempo and turned up the heat defensively. Their ball pressure disrupted the Cows rhythm, forcing turnovers and bad shots. Chris Smith continued to dominate, finishing the half with 21 points, guiding Jersey Shore to an unfamiliar position, a halftime lead over the Flying Cows.

The Breaks showed impressive depth with five players scoring in double figures and getting 21 points off the bench, something you often see from the Flying Cows. Meanwhile, Frederick was visibly frustrated heading into the locker room.

The Flying Cows came out of halftime ice-cold, going scoreless from the field for the first four minutes, while the Breaks maintained their energy and momentum. That was, until Damien Daniels stepped up. Known for his passing ability, Daniels buried a deep three to end the drought, followed it up with a tough layup through traffic, and then nailed a smooth midrange jumper to reclaim the lead for Frederick. Daniels finished the game with 14 points, 6 assists, and 5 steals. Throughout the game he injected much-needed life into the Cows offense. While the spotlight was elsewhere, Javon Adams continued to build his case as a rising star, getting his 10th 20-point game of the season.

The battle on the glass became a key factor in the third, with Jersey Shore's frontcourt duo Mofunaya and Lyons combining for 30 points and 12 rebounds, not allowing second-chance opportunities and limiting the Cows possessions. As the quarter closed, the Breaks held a narrow 71-69 lead.

A contested stepback jumper from Chris Smith with 3 minutes remaining gave the Breaks a 98-91 lead, what looked like the dagger.

The Flying Cows, playing their third game in four nights, showed visible fatigue. But their bench stepped up big, pouring in 36 points off the bench, always keeping them within striking distance. As the final minutes expired, Frederick tried to will their way back, but it wasn't enough to overcome Jersey Shore. Final Score: 99-106.

Currently sitting fourth in the Mid-Atlantic Division, the Breaks proved that playoff contention isn't out of reach, and after today's performance, they've shown they could be a nightmare matchup for any team. This is a revamped Breaks squad since the last time these teams met, having added key depth pieces that are already paying dividends. With the Breaks recent improvements and growing confidence, we could see this team again in the playoffs, as the seeding currently stands.

Despite the loss, the Flying Cows saw strong showings from Sledge, Daniels, and Adams. Still, the night belonged to the Breaks defense, which lifted Jersey Shore to just their fourth win of the season. Free throw shooting continued to be a thorn in the side for the Cows. On a brighter note, last year's leading scorer Charlie Marquardt is back in the lineup after making history as the first player to win both a TBL championship and a BSL championship. He brings a much-needed boost with his playmaking and three-point shooting ability.

Next week, the excitement continues on May 9th as the Virginia Valley Vipers make their way to town. Shortly after, on May 10th, the Flying Cows will host a highly anticipated matchup against longtime rivals, the Albany Patroons. Sitting atop the North Atlantic Division, the Patroons return to the barn for the first time since their stunning first-round upset in the 2024 playoffs, which brought the Cows postseason hopes to an early end. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the 17-1 Flying Cows defend their home court, tickets are available now at goflyingcows.com.

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