



Flying Cows Clinch Mid-Atlantic Division with 23-Point Comeback Win Over Rebels, 110-108

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The Frederick Flying Cows secured their second divisional title in as many seasons, defeating the Reading Rebels 110-108 in a gritty battle with the Flying Cows scoring 38 fourth quarter points. Showcasing their resilience, the Cows proved once again why they're among the TBL's elite and are one of the most formidable teams in the league.

Fresh off a statement win over the New York Phoenix, the Reading Rebels entered Saturday's matchup with momentum. But with new additions to both their roster and coaching staff, led by former Capital Seahawks assistant Coach Malin Morrison, the Rebels are still building chemistry, giving the Frederick Flying Cows a chance to test this brand new team.

Midway through the first, the Flying Cows trailed by six in a gritty, defensive battle. The Rebels leaned on early scoring from John Egbuta and Anthony Lee, both reaching double figures before halftime. Egbuta, averaging 20 points per game, exploited the Cows sluggish defense to begin the game.

Despite dominating the glass, the Flying Cows struggled to capitalize on second-chance opportunities. The 22-year-old standout forward Javon Adams was a lone bright spot in a sluggish start, grabbing 6 offensive boards and scoring 15 first-half points, finishing with 19 points and 13 rebounds. His 14th double-double of the season.

Reading took control early by relentlessly attacking the rim and getting to the line, slowing down the Cows fast-paced transition offense, even without capitalizing on every free throw. However, momentum shifted late in the quarter when sixth man Damien Daniels checked in and sparked a 10-3 run to close it out. Daniels brought instant energy off the bench, contributing 20 points, 7 assists, and 5 rebounds, once again proving why he's the heartbeat of the second unit.

Martavian Payne, known for his consistent midrange game, gave fans a glimpse of another weapon in his arsenal, his three ball. Payne knocked down a pair of timely three-pointers in the first half, finishing with 13 points and shooting 50% from beyond the arc. As he continues to expand his offensive repertoire ahead of the postseason, it will undoubtedly be to the Flying Cows advantage.

Still, the Rebels maintained control with elite shot-selection and rapid responses to every Flying Cows bucket.

Midway through the quarter, the Rebels pushed their lead to 14, their largest of the half. But the Cows refused to back down. A determined 15-7 run to end the half, sparked by increased defensive intensity and better shot selection, brought the Flying Cows back within 6. Joe Bradshaw, the team's gritty defender, stepped up in a big way.

After Egbuta exploded for 26 points in the first half, Bradshaw took on the challenge and helped to limit Egbuta to just 10 points in the second half. The Flying Cows enter the locker room down 6, showing signs of life. Halftime Score: Rebels 59 - Flying Cows 53.

The third quarter proved to be a nightmare for the Flying Cows, who managed just a single point midway through the period. Offensively they stalled out, and visible frustration began to set in as Reading continued to run their game plan with ease. By the end of the quarter, the Flying Cows found themselves staring at an 87-72 deficit.

Down 15 to start the fourth, Frederick surged back behind Joe Bradshaw and Ed Dyson. Bradshaw hit three clutch threes, finishing with 15 points, 9 rebounds, and 3 assists, while Dyson added two dunks, and a mid range jumper, to bring his total to 20 points, 9 assists, and 4 steals, sparking a comeback that erased the deficit and tied the game at 91.

With 10 seconds left, Martavian Payne knocked down a midrange jumper to even the score. On the next possession, Damien Daniels came up with a critical steal, leading to two game-winning free throws from Payne to seal the 110-108 victory.

What sets the Flying Cows apart from most of the league is their depth. After being outscored, outrebounded, and trailing by 23 in the first half, Frederick stormed back with a 38-21 fourth quarter to seal a dramatic win. The comeback not only marked their biggest of the season but also clinched their second Division title in just two years. Wins like these build character right before the playoffs, and after feeling the sting of a tough loss just two games ago, Frederick wasn't about to let that feeling return.

For the Rebels, Anthony Lee scored 31 points, John Egbuta added 36 points, and Will Williams contributed 16 points with 18 rebounds. Despite their strong start and double-digit lead entering the fourth, the Rebels couldn't hold off Frederick's late surge and fall to 3-16. Reading now returns home to regroup before facing the Jersey Shore Breakers on May 15th, in what will be a critical bounce-back game that could position them to take over the 4th spot in the division down the stretch.

As the regular season winds down, the Flying Cows are set for a crucial two-game road trip next weekend. On Friday, May 16, they'll travel to face the Capital Seahawks. The road trip continues on Sunday, May 18, with a high-stakes matchup against the Breaks, the only team to defeat the Cows this season and a potential playoff matchup. Be sure to mark your calendars for our final home game of the season on Friday, May 23. Playoff information will be announced this week, as the Cows have secured their spot in the postseason. Tickets are available now at goflyingcows.com.

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