

Flying Cows Show The TBL It's Not Over Yet, 134-113 Victory Over Firebirds

Sunday June 8th, 2025 Frederick, MD

With their sophomore season hanging in the balance, the Frederick Flying Cows didn't just respond, they dominated. In front of a packed and electric Woodsboro Bank Arena, Frederick overwhelmed the Raleigh Firebirds from the opening tip, controlling every facet of the game en route to a statement Game 2 blowout.

Final Score: Flying Cows 134, Firebirds 113.

With the series now tied, a pivotal Game 3 looms on Monday night, where a trip to the TBL Regional Finals is up for grabs.

It didn't take long for Game 2 to heat up, Woodsboro Bank Arena quickly became a host of physical defense and playoff-level tension.

With clear bad blood between the two teams, the opening minutes were physical and intense. The home crowd responded in full force, creating an electric environment that fueled the Frederick Flying Cows explosive start.

Head coach Ed Corporal made a strategic adjustment, inserting Corey Boyd into the starting lineup to match up against Raleigh's veteran big man, Julian Gamble. That move helped the interior defense early on.

Undrafted rookie Joe Bradshaw wasted no time making his presence felt, drilling a three-pointer to open the scoring and then coming up with a block on the other end. He finished the first quarter with 10 points, setting the tone with his energy on both ends of the floor. Bradshaw finished with 23 points, 8 Rebounds, and 2 blocks.

Ronald Scott got off to a hot start as well, tallying 10 points in the first half alone. The acrobatic guard would go on to finish with 20 points and 11 assists.

Midway through the quarter, the Flying Cows exploded on both ends, building a 16-point lead behind aggressive defense and scoring fast on offense. The team played with a no-nonsense edge, capitalizing on every Raleigh misstep.

Veteran forward and 2021 TBL champion Quantel Denson checked in to provide even more stability defensively, adding veteran presence to a group already firing on all cylinders.

Raleigh looked visibly rattled as Frederick caught fire, and the Cows rode that momentum to a 33-22 lead heading into the second quarter.

Javon Adams. The prodigy out of Reading, Pennsylvania, showcased why he's one of the TBL's most electrifying young stars, catching fire and dropping 10 points in the second period. Whether attacking downhill or pulling up with confidence, Adams was unguardable. He would go on to finish the night with 19 points and 8 rebounds, continuing to prove he's a cornerstone talent for any franchise.

With Adams leading the charge, the Flying Cows poured it on offensively, extending their lead to 25 points with just under three minutes remaining in the half, 66-41. The team's pace, ball movement, and relentless defense overwhelmed a Raleigh squad struggling to respond.

By the time the halftime buzzer sounded, Frederick had built a commanding 74-54 advantage, feeding off the crowd and looking every bit like a team determined to keep their season alive.

Frederick emerged from the half with a physical mindset, pounding the ball inside and drawing consistent contact.

Captain Tavares Sledge delivered one of his most inspired performances of the season. Late in the fourth quarter, Sledge drilled a three to push his personal total to 26 points. The veteran forward rallied his squad with his energy and toughness, leading by example across 30 hard-fought minutes and keeping the team locked in down the stretch.

By the end of the third, the offensive explosion had grown even louder, five Flying Cows had scored over 15 points. Among them was Martavian Payne, who picked the perfect time to reignite his scoring after a quiet end to the regular season. The guard finished with 16 points, and 3 assists, playing with his confidence back.

The Flying Cows entered the fourth quarter with full control of the game and a commanding 108-80 lead.

The Flying Cows closed out the night in dominant fashion, never letting up and playing with the urgency of a team whose season was on the line. The Firebirds simply had no answers for Frederick's depth and execution. With 6 players finishing in double figures, the Cows kept the rotation fresh and the scoreboard moving.

From the opening tip to the final buzzer, Frederick left everything on the floor, defending, hustling, and scoring with playoff-level intensity. Now the focus turns to Game 3, and the only question is whether they saved enough gas in the tank for one more push.

Raleigh was led by DJ Thomas, who posted 25 points and 8 rebounds, but the Firebirds will need more composure and a much better response if they hope to stop this Frederick squad tomorrow night.

Following Sunday's blowout win, the Flying Cows have tied the series and forced a decisive Game 3, set for Monday, June 9th at 7 p.m. at Hood College. Backed by their passionate home crowd, the Cows will once again look to feed off the energy of their fans for one final push toward the TBL Regional Finals, where either the Capital Seahawks await.

The Game 2 atmosphere was nothing short of electric. Woodsboro Bank Arena was decked out in black, white, and cow print as fans rallied behind the team during the "Cow Out" theme night. Monday's Game 3 will carry the same energy, as fans are once again encouraged to show up loud, proud, and in full cow print to help push all of Frederick to the next round.

The Flying Cows also announced plans to set a world record, with a new event called CowFest. On October 26th, the team will attempt to break the official world record for the most people dressed as cows in one place. Fans are invited to be a part of history, grab your spots, horns, and tails, and get ready to join the herd. Learn more at goflyingcows.com/cowfest

Game 3 tickets are available now at goflyingcows.com.

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