

Team effort leads Jacks past Howard, 77-65

box score

South Dakota State got double-doubles from both Cody Larson and Jordan Dykstra and a career night from Anders Broman, as the Jackrabbits downed Howard on Monday night in the Progressive Legends Classic by a 77-65 score.

"Offensively, let's face it, we're not playing very well, and we still won by 12," head coach Scott Nagy said. "We got to the free throw line a lot, and if Cody can continue to shoot free throws like that, and we don't expect that he's going to go 12 of 13 every night, but if he can shoot 75 percent, he's going to start getting double teamed and he's a good passer, and when we do start to shoot it, we're going to be in a pretty good spot offensively."

The Jackrabbits, who host Lehigh on Tuesday at 8 p.m., improve to 2-4 with the win, while the Bison, who fall to 2-5, take on Texas Southern at 5:30 p.m.

Larson led the way for the Jackrabbits with a career-high 24 points, with 10 rebounds for his second double-double of the season, adding three assists, three blocks and a pair of steals. Dykstra posted his third double-double of the year with 14 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Broman set a new career-mark with 16 points, while Chad White pitched in with 10 points.

James Daniel all players in the game with 27 points, while Prince Okoroh finished with 12 points and a team-high seven rebounds for the visiting Bison.

SDSU opened the game with a 12-0 run and never trailed in the game. Howard would cut the lead to six points on two occasions in the first half before the Jacks took a 37-28 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Jacks led by eight points at 41-33 with 17 minutes and 17 seconds left, when Broman the first of a trio of 3-pointers over the next five minutes to push the SDSU lead to 16 points at 57-41. The Jacks never let the Bison any closer than nine points the rest of the way.

The Jackrabbits look to make it three in a row at home on Tuesday, when they host Lehigh in the Brookings Subregional championship at 8 p.m.

NOTES: Monday's game marked the first-ever meeting between Howard and SDSU ... the teams played in front of a crowd of 1,910 fans at Frost Arena ... after joining the SDSU 1,000-Point Club at Texas Tech, Chad White moved from 44th all-time at SDSU to 40th with 1,011 career points, eight points shy of passing Jeff Booher (1,018 points from 1988-92) for 38th all-time ... Dykstra's third double-double of the season gives him 14 for his career ... Larson scored more than 20 points for the first time in his career

