

No. 13 UCLA Basketball Edges UC Irvine in Overtime, 80-79

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LOS ANGELES (AP) - [Jordan Adams](#) scored 26 points, making all 16 of his free throws, and No. 13 UCLA edged UC Irvine, 80-79, in overtime on Tuesday night in regional play of the Progressive Legends Classic.

Will Davis II missed two free throws with 2 seconds left in regulation that would have sealed the upset for the visiting Anteaters (1-1), who fell to 10-35 all-time against Pac-12 teams.

Daman Starring tied the game on a 3-pointer and Michael Wilder's 3 gave the Anteaters a 79-78 lead with 22 seconds to go in the extra session. But [Larry Drew II's](#) layup with 17 seconds kept the Bruins (2-0) perfect at new Pauley Pavilion.

"That was a very fortunate win for us," UCLA head coach [Ben Howland](#) said. "We got some lucky breaks with [Will] Davis missing some free throws. We have to tip our hats to UCI. They played exactly as I expected."

Adams scored over 20 points for the second time in as many games. The freshman from Atlanta, Ga., became UCLA's first freshman to record at least 20 points in each of his first two collegiate games since [Kevin Love](#) accomplished the feat in Nov. 2007.

"It was a tough night for us, and we had a hard time hitting our field goals," Adams said. "I just tried to get to the line and knock down some free throws and keep us in the game. I was just looking for openings and my team was making the right passes."

[David Wear](#) added 13 points and nine rebounds, and his twin brother Travis had 12 points and eight rebounds for the Bruins. They will host James Madison on Thursday night in their second regional game before moving on to the championship rounds next week in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Daman Starring found Alex Young in the right corner for a 3-pointer with 54 seconds to go in regulation, putting the Anteaters up 67-65. [David Wear's](#) jumper hit the front of the rim before Adams made a pair of free throws to force OT.

In the five-minute OT, Adams scored six points, coolly making four free throws when UCLA twice clung to 1-point leads.

Adams led UCLA in scoring for the second straight game as perhaps the least heralded of the school's highly touted freshmen. He scored 21 points in a season-opening win over Indiana State.

UCLA guard [Tyler Lamb](#) missed the game with a swollen left knee, a result of his recovery from arthroscopic surgery on that same knee last month.

The Bruins started strongly only to let up and see their 12-point lead shrink to 36-34 at halftime. The Wear twins combined to score 12 in a row and push UCLA's lead to 19-10 before both teams went through cold stretches. The Anteaters missed on seven straight possessions and the Bruins missed four in a row.

Irvine closed the half on a 19-9 run, with Wilder scoring five points and Flowers making four straight free throws.

UCLA's game against James Madison on Thursday, Nov. 15, will begin at 8 p.m. The contest will be televised live by Pac-12 Networks.

