

Dukes Turn Back Youngstown State, 84-74

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PITTSBURGH - Freshmen Quevyn Winters and Derrick Colter scored 18 points each as Duquesne concluded the Progressive Legends Classic with an 84-74 win over Youngstown State at the Palumbo Center.

Seven-one center Martins Abele provided a big boost off the bench with 9 points and a game-high 10 rebounds in 14 minutes and Kadeem Pantophlet added 13 points - including a career high-tying four 3-pointers - for DU.

Duquesne (2-3) went 2-1 in the three-games-in-three-days event. Youngstown State, which entered the Pittsburgh Sub Regional 3-0, left at 3-3.

Winters, who scored 37 points in the three games, was named to the All-Tournament team. Kendrick Perry, who led YSU with 15, was also named to the All-Tournament team.

Duquesne, which maintained at least a seven-point lead from the 10:29 mark of the first half, saw the Penguins cut it to five on a Shawn Amiker 3-pointer with two minutes left.

Jerry Jones, who had 6 points and a career-high 9 rebounds, was fouled on a drive as his shot was goaltended. Jones converted the three-point play to push the lead back to eight.

Amiker added a tip-in to make it a six-point game before Colter, Jerry Jones and Jeremiah Jones went 5-of-6 from the foul line in the final minute to preserve the win.

"I thought they showed a lot of character and a lot of unselfishness," said Duquesne coach Jim Ferry of the Dukes. "The biggest thing for us moving forward is we have to get consistent. If we give this effort, this focus and this determination every night and we get beat, we can live with that."

Duquesne used a 17-2 run to turn a 5-0 deficit into a 17-7 lead on a Pantophlet 3-pointer. The Penguins briefly cut it to five before Winters hit a jumper, layup and 3-pointer in 69 seconds to give Duquesne a 27-15 lead. DU maintained at least an eight-point margin for the remainder of the half which ended with the Dukes up 42-33.

Winters (9), Colter (9) and Jeremiah Jones (4) combined for 22 of DU's 42 first-half points. Pantophlet scored 10 in 12 first half minutes.

YSU briefly cut it to seven in the opening minute of the second half before Abele scored five in a row to open a 50-35 lead.

The Penguins stayed within striking distance behind Perry and Amiker, who scored all 10 of his points in the second half.

Duquesne, which shot 45 percent, outrebounded YSU 53-29. It was the largest margin posted by a DU team in a Division I game since a 48-20 margin in a 129-59 season-opening win over Howard on Nov. 9, 2007.

The Dukes return to action on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at Appalachian State.

NOTES

- This was the first meeting between the Dukes and Penguins since Nov. 13, 2006 ... DU leads the series 10-2 (5-1 in Pittsburgh).
- Martins Abele had 9 points, 10 rebounds and 2 blocks in 14 minutes ... it was his first double-digit rebound effort in 11 games at Duquesne ... the 10 rebounds tied the second-year Radford transfer's career high set in 2010-11 while at Radford (vs. Winthrop).
- Jerry Jones' 9 rebounds in 23 minutes were a career high.
- Kadeem Pantophlet tied his career highs for 3-pointers (4) and rebounds (6) ... his 13 points were one shy of his career best set last year at Valparaiso.
- Freshman Jeremiah Jones made his first career start ... Jones and fellow freshman Derrick Colter scored 9 of DU's first 12 points.

- Duquesne, which had 7 assists in yesterday's 57-43 loss to North Dakota State, had 7 assists (on 11 FGs) in the first 10:40 ... the Dukes assisted on 17 of 27 field goals ... Sean Johnson led the way with a career high 6 assists.

- Taylor Braun of North Dakota State was named the Progressive Legends Classic Pittsburgh Sub Regional MVP ... the rest of the all-tournament team included TrayVonn Wright (North Dakota State), Rayshawn Goins (James Madison), Quevyn Winters (Duquesne) and Kendrick Perry (Youngstown State).