



Weber State 83, Oral Roberts 74

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OGDEN – Weber State advanced to the semifinals of the Collegeinsider.com Tournament with an 83-74 win over Oral Roberts Wednesday night at the Dee Events Center. The 'Cats improve to 29-6 on the season and will now play at Northern Iowa in the CIT semifinals on Saturday.

The only lead of the game for Oral Roberts was at 4-3 but the game was a close one throughout. Weber State held a 34-31 lead at halftime, despite shooting just 42 percent in the first half.

The 'Cats came back with a strong second half and jumped out to an eight point lead at 50-42 with 12:21 to play. The Golden Eagles responded with a 9-4 run and cut the lead to one with 9:00 to play. Weber State led by two at 61-59 with 6:46 remaining when the Wildcats went on a 12-2 run over the next three minutes to seal the victory. Weber State shot 55 percent from the field in the second half.

"I couldn't be more proud of how our team fought and played together against a really good team," said WSU head coach Randy Rahe. "The whole team really stepped up and we had lots of guys contribute. We came out with really good energy in the second half."

WSU junior Davion Berry posted career-highs of 29 points and 10 assists for his first career double-double to lift Weber State to its 14th straight home win. The 10 assists is the most by a Wildcat in a game this season. Berry was 8-15 from the field and pulled down six rebounds.

Kyle Tresnak added 19 points and pulled down eight rebounds and Scott Bamforth posted 18 points and knocked down three three-pointers, giving him 250 for his career.

The Wildcats finished the game shooting 49 percent from the field, compared to 47 percent for Oral Roberts. WSU also outrebounded the Golden Eagles 39-29 and finished with 19 assists.

Weber State continues to set multiple school and Big Sky records. The 29 wins and the 35 games played are both school and conference records. The 17 home wins is also a WSU record and the 'Cats set a team record for most points scored in a season in Big Sky history.

WSU now hits the road for the first time in two weeks to play at Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Panthers of the Missouri Valley Conference are 21-14 on the season and finished third in the Missouri Valley Conference at 11-7.

The winner of Saturday's semifinal game will host the CIT Championship on Tuesday, April 2 on CBS Sports Network.

"We are really excited to still be playing," Rahe said. "We've had such a fun season and are thrilled to be still playing. Northern Iowa is a really tough basketball team and will be a great test for it but we are really excited for the opportunity."

A crowd of 6,638 fans attended Wednesday's game.