



TERRE HAUTE, Ind. -- Robert Morris used a pair of late second half runs to overcome a double digit deficit to Indiana State as the visiting Colonials earned a 67-60 victory in front of 2,113 fans inside Hulman Center in the opening round of the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament.

The Sycamores' season ends with a final record of 18-15, while Robert Morris will advance to the second round of the CIT and improves to 25-10. RMU earned its 13th road victory of the season with the win.

RJ Mahurin led the Sycamores with 17 points while Justin Gant came off the bench to post a career-high 11 points. Jake Odum narrowly missed a double-double as he posted nine points, eight assists, one blocked shot and two steals.

The Sycamores tallied four blocks in the game to finish the year with 104, which is the second-most for a season in the history of the program, just shy of the school record of 107 set by the 1978-79 season.

Despite the loss, the Sycamores advanced to the postseason for the third consecutive season -- its longest such streak since the Larry Bird era and hosted a postseason contest for the first time since a 1978 home contest against Illinois State in the NIT.

Indiana State blazed the nets at a 56 percent clip in the first half, hitting 14-of-25 shots from the field to build a 36-27 advantage. The lead peaked at 21-9 on a 3-pointer by Mahurin with 10:17 remaining in the first half. Dwayne Lathan added a jumper with nine seconds left before the half to give ISU a 36-27 halftime lead.

Lucas Eitel drilled a 3-pointer with 12:16 left in the game to stake ISU to a 49-39 lead. Robert Morris came roaring back with a 12-0 run over the next five minutes to take a 51-49 advantage on a lay-up by Lucky Jones as the clock ticked towards seven minutes to go.

After Gant made a nice move in the paint to knot the game at 51 with 6:47 to go, Lawrence Bridges converted a put-back with 5:46 remaining to give the Colonials a 53-51 lead that they would not relinquish.

Robert Morris led 61-58 with 40 seconds left before Velton Jones missed the front end of a one-and-one before Mahurin grabbed the rebound and was fouled. He hit both free throws to cut the RMU cushion down to 61-60.

The Colonials were a perfect 6-of-6 from the free throw line down the stretch to earn a 67-60 victory.

Robert Morris was led in scoring by Coron Williams who posted 11 points while Velton Jones posted 10.