



LOS ANGELES - LMU scored the first five points of overtime and got 20-point efforts from its two first-team all-conference performance to help them claim an 84-78 overtime win over Weber State in the second round of the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT) at Gersten Pavilion Sunday afternoon.

Five players scored double figures for the Lions (21-12), including 23 points and six rebounds from Drew Viney and a double-double from Anthony Ireland. Ireland earned his second double-double with 20 points and 10 assists. Jarred DuBois added 13 points. Ashley Hamilton had 12 points and nine rebounds while freshman C.J. Blackwell added 11 off the bench.

Weber State (25-7) was paced by Damian Lillard with 27 points and Gelaun Wheelwright with 19 points.

LMU advances to the quarterfinals of the 2012 CIT, and will travel to face Utah State on Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. (PT) Follow the game live on KXLU 88.9 FM and the live video stream on the CIT website.

"We are at our best when we are rebounding the ball and running," said Head Coach Max Good. "In the first half we did that really well, and then in the second half we got into a place where we were playing not to lose. We picked it up again in overtime. Our effort on the boards was a key."

The Lions outrebounded the Wildcats 48-31.

After Weber State erased a 13-point first half deficit to tie it late, Viney hit a three-pointer with 1:19 to play to give the Lions a 68-65 lead. Lillard, who entered the game ranked second in the nation in scoring and had more than 20 NBA scouts in attendance, delivered his only three-pointer of the game in nine attempts with 23 seconds left to force overtime.

The Lions then scored the first five points of overtime, and then after a Lillard jumper, Viney delivered his fourth three-pointer of the game to give the Lions a 76-70 lead.

As they did in the second half, the Wildcats fought back and cut the lead to a pair, 80-78, with 25 seconds left on back-to-back buckets by Lillard and Wheelwright.

Ireland would then bury four straight free throws to ice the win.

The Lions built a first half lead as large as 13, 36-23, thanks to seven first half three-pointers. They would lead by 10, 41-31, at the break, hitting 7-for-14 from three.

Weber State would cut the lead to six, 58-52, with 8:23 to play in regulation on a Byron Fulton jumper.

It looked like the Lions would pull away from there. They went on a 5-0 run that was capped by a DuBois floater, giving the Lions an 11-point edge, 63-52, with 6:56 left.

However, Weber State would hold the Lions to just five points the rest of the way, going on a 13-2 run over the next 3:36 to tie it on Lillard's free throws, 65-65, with 1:35 to play to set-up the final possessions of the half.

The Lions held Weber State to 38.5 percent from the field and 26.1 percent from three. They entered the game ranked 11th nationally in shooting from three at 39.6 percent and 60th from the field at 46.2 percent. The Lions finished shooting 42.2 percent from the field and 39.1 percent from three, hitting 9-for-23.