



NORFOLK, VA-- The ODU Monarchs (22-13) advanced to the Collegeinsider.com quarterfinals with a 65-56 victory over the Spartans of USC Upstate (21-13) Sunday afternoon at the Norfolk Scope Arena. ODU will play the Bears of Mercer Wednesday night at the Ted Constant Convocation Center.

Kent Bazemore led the Monarchs with 19 points and 11 rebounds, followed by Nick Wright with 11 points and six rebounds.

ODU led at halftime, 31-19 as Bazemore had 10 points, three steals and eight rebounds. ODU held the Spartans to just .259 (7-27) shooting in the first half.

In the second half, USC Upstate rallied and cut the lead to two points with 16:59 left at 31-29 on a layup by Jodd Maxey. ODU pushed it back up to seven after two free throws by Kent Bazemore and a three-pointer by Dimitri Batten.

The Spartans made another run and tied the game at 45-45 with 7:18 left on a basket by Adrian Rogers. The Monarchs re-took the lead for good when De Lancey went coast-to-coast for a layup and a 47-45 lead. Kent Bazemore then went to work and scored on a three-point play to put ODU up 50-45 with 5:10 left.

ODU eventually increased the lead to 10 at 58-48 with 2:19 left on a free throw by Donte Hill.

USC UPstate was led by Ricardo Glenn with 12 points and 16 rebounds followed by Ty Greene with 12 points. Greene was 4-for-8 from three-point range on the day.

ODU dominated the boards, 49-33 with Bazemore leading the way with 11 along with seven boards by Richard Ross, six boards for Chris Cooper, and Nick Wright. ODU also swatted seven shots led by Richard Ross with four.

The Monarchs finished the night shooting .385 (20-52), while USC Upstate was at .333 (20-60).

In playing tonight, Kent Bazemore has set a new ODU career games played mark with 140 breaking Ben Finney's mark of 139 set last year.