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Buzzer-beater lifts Cavs to fourth straight win; boys basketball roundup

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After a slew of injuries and a 1-5 start, it appears the College Park Cavaliers are beginning to find their stride.

Not only did junior guard Adam Rowe's buzzer-beater give the Cavaliers a 64-62 victory over Fort Bend Marshall Wednesday night, it extended their win streak to four. The Cavs withstood Marshall's 14-0 run at the start of the third quarter to improve their season record to 10-7.

It was the Cavs' first game this season decided on a last-second shot. It also was their first game since winning the Victoria Tournament Saturday.

"We came out flat at the start of the game and the second half, and I think we were still celebrating the tournament win," College Park coach Clifton McNeely said. "But what I told the kids was that we found a way to win a tight game. It was a great learning experience."

When senior guard Garrett Constance drilled a three-point basket — giving the Cavs a 60-52 margin with six minutes to play — a heart-stopping finish didn't seem likely. But the Buffaloes (7-8) fought back to even the score at 62 on Brandon Chatman's trey with 3:15 remaining.

Neither team could locate the basket until the final 1.5 seconds. That's when Rowe drove down the lane and banked his running one-hander off the glass and through the hoop.

Marshall was unable to call for a timeout before the buzzer sounded.

The winning play came when, with six seconds left, the Cavs attempted an inbounds play underneath the Buffs' basket. The pass slipped through Eddie Porter's hands and right into the grasp of Rowe, who didn't hesitate and took the ball right to the hoop.

"He can slash and get to the basket," McNeely said. "He had the right instinct of taking it to the basket and maybe draw a foul."

Rowe finished with 13 points, while the 6-foot-5 Constance and James Allen contributed 14 each. Allen, a 5-foot-10 junior, came off the bench to score 12 of his points in the first half, sparking the Cavs to a 40-27 halftime lead.

Like Allen, senior guard Albert Myres came off the bench to score 10 points and provide another example of the Cavs' improved chemistry. All 12 of McNeely's players saw action Wednesday night.

The Cavs led 8-7 late in the first quarter when McNeely substituted for his starting five. The switch worked as Allen, Keith Sullivan and Stafford Whittington combined to ignite a 13-2 run.

The Cavs maintained a double-digit lead for most of the second quarter, but that margin evaporated when Marshall began the third quarter with its 14-0 run for a 41-40 lead. Of the Buffs' eight baskets during that period, five came inside the paint.

The visitors' lead didn't last long as Constance answered with a three-pointer on the next possession and the Buffs never led again.

"We've got veteran players, but we also have enthusiastic youngsters who are learning their roles," McNeely said. "They play hard."



College Park guard JP Wells (3) battles with Fort Bend Marshall's Phelix Davis for a loose ball during Wednesday night's game.

Klein Forest takes down Highlanders

The Golden Eagles outscored The Woodlands 19-14 in the fourth quarter for a 61-53 win Wednesday night.

Emmanuel Rivera scored 17 points and Michael Williams added 14 as the Highlanders fell to 8-6 on the season.

"We had our chances," Woodlands coach Dale Reed said. "They are very fast and we had a hard time staying with them. We missed some layups and free throws tonight and when you lose by eight, those things matter."

College Park 64, Fort Bend Marshall 62

Fort Bend Marshall 9 18 21 14 — 62

College Park 18 22 11 13 — 64

Leaders — Fort Bend Marshall: Jason Carter, 12 points; Quinton Doucet, 12 points; Kitrick Bell, 9 points. College Park: James Allen, 14 points; Garrett Constance, 14 points; Adam Rowe, 13 points; Albert Myres, 10 points.

Klein Forest 61, The Woodlands 53

The Woodlands 12 11 16 14 — 53

Klein Forest 13 18 11 19 — 61

Leaders — The Woodlands: Emmanuel Rivera, 17 points; Michael Williams, 14 points; Adrian Medina, 10 points. Klein Forest: Angel Avina, 15 points; C. Green, 14 points.

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