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BROWN MEN'S BASKETBALL
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BROWN (1-3) vs. ARMY (1-3)
Wednesday, November 26, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Pizzitola Sports Center; Providence, RI
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Radio: WPRV-AM 790

Brown's Probable Starters:

Forward	05	Scott Friske , senior (5.3 ppg, 2.5 rpg)
Forward	22	Chris Skrelja , senior (8.8 ppg, 4.8 rpg)
Center	45	Matt Mullery , junior (15.3 ppg, 5.0 rpg)
Guard	11	Adrian Williams , sophomore (14.0 ppg, 2.7 rpg)
Guard	25	Peter Sullivan , sophomore (13.8 ppg, 6.0 rpg)

Key Reserves:

21	Morgan Kelly , sophomore, center (3.3 ppg, 1.3 rpg)
31	Garrett Leffelman , sophomore, guard (3.0 ppg, 1.0 rpg)
1	Chris Taylor , sophomore, forward (2.7 ppg, 3.7 rpg)

The Records: Brown (1-3) is coming off a tough 73-64 loss to Northwestern on Saturday. Junior Matt Mullery led the Bears with 17 points and six rebounds, while sophomore Peter Sullivan chipped in 16 points against the Wildcats. Army fell to Princeton on Sunday, 55-43, to fall to 1-3 on the season. The Cadets have earned a win over Dartmouth, with losses to Quinnipiac and LIU.

The Brown vs. Army Series Record: Brown and Army have met 21 times, dating back to the 1920-1921 season, with the Cadets holding a 13-8 series advantage over the Bears. Brown earned a 79-78 victory over Army last year (1/2/08) at West Point. Army's last win over the Bears came in 2006-2007, 62-54, at the Pizzitola Sports Center.

Head Coach Jesse Agel: Jesse Agel, an assistant coach at Brown for the last two years and a 17-year assistant coach at Vermont, begins his first season as head coach of the Bears. The 46-year-old Agel (pronounced A-gull), who earned his first career head coaching win against Holy Cross on 11-19-08, assisted coach Craig Robinson at Brown for the last two years, helping the Bears register a school-record 19 victories in 2007-2008, while gaining a berth in the post-season College Basketball Invitational. During his 17-year stint at Vermont, Agel was the architect of the Catamount's recent success on the basketball court. A 1984 graduate of Vermont, Agel was the associate head coach at Vermont for eight years under head coach Tom Brennan.

Last Year's Record: Brown posted a school record 19 wins last season (19-11), finished second in the Ivy League with an 11-3 mark, and earned a berth in the post-season College Basketball Invitational. Coach Craig Robinson left the team at the end of the season, accepting the head coaching position at Oregon State.

Three of Five Starters Return: Three of Brown's five starters return to the lineup in 2008-2009: senior All-Ivy guard **Chris Skrelja**, sophomore forward **Peter Sullivan**, Brown's top returning scorer, and junior center **Matt Mullery**. In addition, senior **Scott Friske** started 15 games for last year's team and has 57 career starts for the Bears.

All-Ivy Chris Skrelja: Senior tri-captain **Chris Skrelja** (Hastings-on-Hudson, NY), who scored 10 points and pulled down six rebounds against Northwestern, is the man who makes the Brown offense go, playing the point for the Bears, while also seeing time at the three, four and five positions. Skrelja scored 11 points and pulled down four rebounds against George Mason. He was in foul trouble in Brown's opener vs. Rhode Island, but still scored seven points and grabbed five rebounds. With relentless motion and guile, Skrelja is one of the top all-around players in the Ivy League, averaging 8.4 points per game, 6.7 rebounds per game a year ago, third best in the Ivy League, while dishing out over four assists per game, which ranked second in the Ivy League. Skrelja pulled off three double-doubles last year, but he often "Skreljaed" an opponent with some interesting numbers, nearly pulling off several triple-doubles. For instance, he "Skreljaed" Army with 15 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, and did the same against Harvard with seven points, seven rebounds and seven assists. He launched a similar performance against Penn, scoring nine points, while adding eight assists and seven rebounds. Skrelja also proved to be a prolific scorer on occasion, with an incredible 29-point performance against Hartford where he connected on 11 of 12 field goals and 7 of 8 free throws.

Sullivan Leads Bears In Rebounding: Sophomore forward **Peter Sullivan** (Wilmette, IL), a tri-captain for the Bears, scored 16 points against Northwestern on Saturday. His 6.0 rebounds per game leads the Bears, while scoring 13.8 points per game, third on the Brown team. He netted 15 points and grabbing 8 rebounds vs. George Mason, after scoring 15 points and grabbing a career best nine rebounds against Rhode Island. He started Brown's last 18 games a year ago and enjoyed a sensational rookie campaign. A four-time Ivy League Rookie of the Week, Sullivan is Brown's top returning scorer after averaging 8.8 points and 2.7 rebounds a game for the Bears. An excellent long-range shooter, Sullivan ranked second in the Ivy League in three-point field goal percentage (48 %) and seventh in the league in free-throw percentage (81%). Sullivan burst onto the scene with 19 points in Brown's win over Northwestern in Evanston, and scored in double figures 12 times, including 19 points against Columbia and 18 points against Harvard.

Leffelman Steps Up: With starter Chris Skrelja in foul trouble against Rhode Island, head coach Jesse Agel called on sophomore **Garrett Leffelman** (Naperville, IL) to pick-up the slack. Leffelman responded by handling the ball flawlessly, and scoring five points and grabbing 4 rebounds, both career highs. He made his first career start vs. George Mason and netted five points.

Williams' Seven Steals vs. Holy Cross Second In Brown History: Sophomore guard **Adrian Williams** (Atlanta, GA), Brown's second leading scorer with 14.0 points per game, is coming off a solid performance against Northwestern with 13 points and three rebounds. He missed Brown's game against George Mason, but returned to action against Holy Cross to score a career high 16 points and register seven steals, second best in Brown basketball history. Mike Waitkus '86 made 10 steals against Dartmouth on 3/5/03, while Sean Ethridge '02 also made seven steals for the Bears against Cornell on 2/6/99. He had equaled his career scoring high with 13 points in Brown's season opener against Rhode Island. He was one of six Brown players to play in all 29 games, and was the Bears' first guard off the bench a year ago, averaging nearly 18 minutes per game. A defensive presence on the court, Williams can go to the hoop or step back and hit the three, knocking down 15 treys a year ago, while averaging 4.6 points per game. He scored in double figures three times, including a season high 13 points against Penn.

Getting Friske: Senior forward **Scott Friske** (Charlevoix, MI), a tri-captain of the Bears, got off to a solid start against Rhode Island, scoring eight points, handing out seven assists and grabbing five rebounds. He has a history against Army, scoring 24 points as a freshman, including the game winning shot with less than a second remaining. Friske earned 15 starts for the Bears a year ago and has made 58 career starts. Last year, Friske came up big in Brown's win over Northwestern with 17 points and six rebounds, and was strong against Quinnipiac with 11 points and nine rebounds. He also scored eight points, grabbed 11 rebounds and handed out six assists vs. Harvard.

Mullery Continues Strong Shooting: The Bears look strong in the middle with the return of 6-8 junior center **Matt Mullery** (Millstone, NJ), who scored a team high 17 points and blocked three shots vs. Northwestern, and is Brown's leading scorer with 15.3 ppg., while shooting a phenomenal 81 percent from the field (25 of 31) to lead the Ivy League. He came up with a big effort vs. Holy Cross with 18 points on perfect 7 of 7 shooting from the field and 4 of 4 shooting from the free throw line. He also blocked three shots against the Crusaders. A prodigious shot blocker, Mullery moved into seventh place in the Brown record book with 62 career blocked shots. Mullery burst onto the scene in Brown's season opener vs. Rhode Island, scoring a career high 22 points on 9 of 13 shooting from the field, while also pulling down seven rebounds against the Rams. He also has a knack for blocking shots, leading the Ivy League with 1.4 blocks per game, including a career high four blocked shots vs. Quinnipiac in 2008. His 37 blocked shots last year are fourth in the Brown record book, while his 56 career blocked shots rank 11th in the Brown record book. He scored in double figures three times last season, including a season high 14 points against Princeton on 6 of 9 shooting from the field.

Brown Record Book: Career Blocked Shots

1. 119 Alai Nuualiitia (1999-2003)
2. 93 Stark Langs (1981-1985)
3. 89 Jamie Kilburn (2000-2004)
4. 77 Anthony Katsaros (1984-1988)
5. 65 Kirk Lowry (1988-1992)
6. 64 Jim Turner (1982-1986)
7. 62 **Matt Mullery** (2006-present)
8. 61 Joel Koplik (1991-1995)
- 61 peter Moss (1977-1980)
10. 59 Paul Krasinski (1994-1998)

Kelley Plays Big: Bears' 6-9 sophomore center **Morgan Kelly** (Rockaway Beach, NY) had enjoyed an outstanding pre-season and is a big man who can hit the trey. Kelly netted a career high 11 points against George Mason, while pulling down a career best four rebounds. He scored two points and pulled down two rebounds against Rhode Island. His best game came against Baylor last year where he scored eight points in Waco, Texas, connecting on 2 of 4 treys and 2 of 2 free throws

Vermont South: Brown's coaching staff has a distinctive maple flavor with three of its coaches having graduated from the University of Vermont. Head coach **Jesse Agel** is a 1984 Vermont grad and was an assistant coach for the Catamounts for 17 years. Assistant coach **TJ Sorrentine**, a Pawtucket, RI, native, graduated from Vermont in 2005 after leading the Catamounts to an upset victory over Syracuse in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. Assistant coach **Kyle Cieplicki** started 82 of 89 games for the Catamounts before graduating in 2008.

Team Captains: Brown head basketball coach Jesse Agel has named senior **Scott Friske**, senior **Chris Skrelja** and sophomore **Peter Sullivan** tri-captains of this year's team.

Bears On The Air: Brown's entire schedule is being broadcast on WPRV-AM 790 the premier radio sports talk station in Southern New England. **Scott Cordischi**, the host of the popular Scott Cordischi on Sports, will call all the action. Former Brown basketball star **Russ Tyler '71** (1,133 career points) provides the color analysis.

The Pitz Receives A Face-Lift: The Pizzitola Sports Center received a face-lift in the off-season with a new playing surface and design, bleachers, and lighting. A new state-of-the-art hardwood floor was installed over the summer with a simpler, clean court design. Teams and fans will also be greeted by new, energy-efficient lighting, new bleachers on the team side of the court, and chair-back seats under the balcony.

Next Game: The Bears will be back in action again at home on Saturday, November 29 against Eastern, for an afternoon game (1:00 p.m.) at the Pizzitola Sports Center.

2008-2009 Brown University Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Hgt.	Wgt.	School/Hometown
1	Taylor, Chris	F	So.	6-8	225	Wayzata/Plymouth, MN
2	Coleman, Marques	G	Fr.	6-3	185	Cactus/Peoria, AZ
5	Friske, Scott	F	Sr.	6-7	235	Worcester Academy/Charlevoix, MI
10	Gruber, Steve	G	Jr.	5-11	170	Whitefish Bay/Milwaukee, WI
11	Williams, Adrian	G	So.	6-1	180	Wheeler/Atlanta, GA
15	Kane, Sean	G	So.	6-5	200	Carmel/Long Grove, IL
21	Kelly, Morgan	C/F	So.	6-9	230	Archbishop Molloy/Rockaway Beach, NY
22	Skrelja, Chris	F	Sr.	6-6	220	Trinity Catholic/Hastings-on-Hudson, NY
25	Sullivan, Peter	F	So.	6-5	210	Loyola Academy/Wilmette, IL
31	Leffelman, Garrett	G	So.	6-4	210	St. Joseph's/Naperville, IL
34	Aldridge, Colin	F	Jr.	6-7	210	The Peddie School/Colts Neck, NJ
44	Harris, Jean-Herbert	G	Fr.	6-2	185	Los Angeles/Los Angeles, CA
45	Mullery, Matt	F	Jr.	6-8	235	St. John Vianney/Millstone, NJ
50	Kaluz, Stefan	C	Fr.	6-9	225	Corona Del Mar/Carona Del Mar, CA
55	Hollingsworth, Noel	C	Fr.	6-9	235	Judge Memorial Catholic/Salt Lake City, UT

Head Coach: Jesse Agel (Vermont '84),

Assistant Coaches: Lamar Barrett (Elizabeth City State '94), TJ Sorrentine (Vermont '04), and Kyle Cieplicki (Vermont '08)

Captains: Scott Friske '09 and Chris Skrelja '09, Peter Sullivan '11

Managers: David Caruolo '09 and Aaron Jimenez '09

Athletic Trainer: Matt Culp

Brown Career Highs

Colin Aldridge '10

Points: 10 vs. Harvard (1/27/07)
Rebounds: 6 vs. Harvard (1/27/07)
Assists: 2 vs. Yale (1/20/07)
Steals: 2 vs. Dartmouth (2/8/08)

Scott Friske '09

Points: 26 vs. Quinnipiac (1/7/06)
Rebounds: 11 vs. Albany (12/28/05)
Assists: 7 vs. Dartmouth (3/8/08); vs. URI (11/14/08)
Steals: 3 vs. Quinnipiac (1/7/06); vs. Harvard (1/27/07); vs. Penn (3/1/08); vs. Harvard (3/7/08)

Steve Gruber '10

Points: 7 vs. Army (11-25-06)
Rebounds: 2 vs. Wagner (11-28-06)
Assists : 3 vs. Navy (11/14/06)
Steals: 1 vs. Navy (11/14/06); vs. Quinnipiac (12/2/06); vs. Dartmouth (2/8/08)

Jean-Herbert Harris '12

Points: 2 vs. George Mason (11/17/08)
Rebounds: 3 vs. George Mason (11/17/08)
Assists:
Steals:
Treys:

Noel Hollingsworth '12

Points:
Rebounds:
Assists:
Steals:

Stefan Kaluz '12

Points:
Rebounds:
Assists:
Steals:

Sean Kane '11

Points: 6 vs. Notre Dame (12/29/07)
Rebounds: 1 vs. Dartmouth (2/8/08)
Assists:
Steals:
Treys: 2 vs. Notre Dame (12/29/07)

Morgan Kelly '11

Points: 11 vs. George Mason (11/17/08)
Rebounds: 4 vs. George Mason (11/17/08)
Assists: 2 vs. Baylor (1/8/08); vs. Harvard (1/9/08)
Steals: 1 vs. Notre Dame (12/29/07)

Garrett Leffelman '11 **Points:** 5 vs. URI (11/14/08)
Rebounds: 4 vs. URI (11/14/08)
Assists: 1 vs. several teams
Steals: 1 vs. George Mason (11/17/08)

Matt Mullery '10 **Points:** 22 vs. URI (11/14/08)
Rebounds: 8 vs. Northwestern (11/21/06)
Assists: 4 vs. Quinnipiac (12/3/07)
Steals: 3 vs. Wagner (11/28/07)
Blocks: 4 vs. Quinnipiac (12/3/07); vs. Princeton (2/29/08)

Chris Skrelja '09 **Points:** 29 vs. Hartford (12/22/07)
Rebounds: 15 vs. Yale (1/26/08)
Assists: 8 vs. E. Michigan (11/9/07); vs. Army (1/2/08); vs. American (1/4/08); v. Penn (2/15/08)
Steals: 4 vs. Albany (12/9/06)

Peter Sullivan '11 **Points:** 19 vs. Northwestern (11/24/07); vs. Columbia (2/2/08)
Rebounds: 9 vs. URI (11/14/08)
Assists: 4 vs. Dartmouth (2/8/08)
Steals: 2 vs. E. Michigan (11/9/07)
Treys: 4 vs. Harvard (3/7/08)

Chris Taylor '11 **Points:** 6 vs. Penn (3/1/08); vs. Holy Cross (11/19/08)
Rebounds: 6 vs. Holy Cross (11/19/08)
Assists: 2 vs. Penn (3/1/08)
Steals: 1 vs. Michigan (11/11/07); vs. Providence (12/9/07); vs. Northwestern (11/22/08)

Adrian Williams '11 **Points:** 16 7 vs. Holy Cross (11/19/08)
Rebounds: 5 vs. Columbia (2/2/08); vs. URI (11/14/08)
Assists: 4 vs. Michigan (11/11/07)
Steals: 7 vs. Holy Cross (11/19/08)

2008-2009 Brown Men's Basketball Schedule and Results

11/14	Fri.	at Rhode Island	L, 72-74
11/17	Mon.	at George Mason	L, 52-89
11/19	Wed.	at Holy Cross	W, 62-57
11/22	Sat.	NORTHWESTERN	L, 64-73
11/26	Wed.	ARMY	7:00 p.m.
11/29	Sat	EASTERN MICHIGAN	1:00 p.m.
12/3	Wed.	at Providence	7:00 p.m.
12/6	Sat.	at New Hampshire	1:00 p.m.
12/9	Tue.	HARTFORD	7:00 p.m.
12/21	Sun	at Wagner	4:00 p.m.
12/29	Mon.	QUINNIPIAC (NESN)	1:00 p.m.
1/2	Fri.	at American	7:30 p.m.
1/6	Tue.	at Virginia	7:00 p.m.
1/10	Sat.	BRYANT	4:00 p.m.
1/16	Fri.	YALE	7:00 p.m.
1/23	Fri	at Yale	7:00 p.m.
1/30	Fri.	at Cornell	7:00 p.m.
1/31	Sat.	at Columbia	7:00 p.m.
2/6	Fri.	at Dartmouth	7:00 p.m.
2/7	Sat.	at Harvard	7:00 p.m.
2/13	Fri.	PENN	7:00 p.m.
2/14	Sat.	PRINCETON	7:00 p.m.
2/20	Fri.	COLUMBIA	7:00 p.m.
2/21	Sat.	CORNELL	7:00 p.m.
2/27	Fri.	at Princeton	7:00 p.m.
2/28	Sat.	at Penn	7:00 p.m.
3/6	Fri.	HARVARD	7:00 p.m.
3/7	Sat.	DARTMOUTH	7:00 p.m.

Head Coach: Jesse Agel (Vermont '84)

Game #1 Brown vs. Rhode Island November 14, 2008 Kingston, RI

In his head coaching debut, Brown coach Jesse Agel left no doubt that he can coach as Brown opened its 103rd season of intercollegiate basketball. His Bears clawed through a hard-fought sea-saw battle against Rhode Island before succumbing to the Rams, 76-74, at the Ryan Center.

Bears' junior center Matt Mullery led all scorers with a career high 22 points on 9 of 13 shooting from the field, while also grabbing seven rebounds. Sophomore guard Peter Sullivan also came up with a big game for the Bears with 15 points and a game high nine rebounds.

The Bears held a five point second half lead, 64-59, on a three-point basket by sophomore guard Adrian Williams with 6:44 remaining. But the Bears missed a couple of free throws and Rhode Island went on a 7-0 run to take the lead for good, 66-64, on a dunk by Kahiem Seawright with 3:14 left in the game.

In the end, the difference was URI's Jimmy Baron, who scored all 17 of his points in the second half.

Brown carried the play in the first half, grabbing a 33-29 halftime lead after leading by as many as nine points, 31-22, on a lay-up by sophomore Chris Taylor with 3:42 remaining.

Mullery netted 10 first half points for the Bears, while Sullivan netted eight first half points and grabbed five rebounds. The Bears dominated the much-taller URI team on the backboards, 24-19, in the half.

Williams tied his career scoring high with 13 points for the Bears, playing all 40 minutes. Senior forward Scott Friske chipped in with eight points, seven assists and five rebounds.

Game #2 Brown vs. George Mason November 17, 2008 Fairfax, VA

Senior John Vaughn scored a game high 18 points on torrid 8 of 12 shooting from the field to lead defending Colonial Association Champion George Mason to an 89-52 non-league win over Brown. Sophomore Peter Sullivan led Brown (0-2) with 15 points, including 13 in the second half, and a game high eight rebounds.

The Bears had a bit of a letdown at the outset after a strong performance in a loss to Rhode Island on Friday. Playing without starting sophomore guard Adrian Williams, Brown quickly fell behind 19-7 to open the game.

George Mason (2-0) went on to build a 39-20 lead at the half behind a strong perimeter game. The Patriots scored 35 of their 39 points from outside the paint, mostly off the dribble. Vaughn netted nine first half points to lead all scorers, while Brown senior Chris Skrelja chipped in with seven first half points.

The second half turned into a track meet with the Patriots scoring 31 of their 50 second half points in the paint, mostly on fast-break lay-ups, as George Mason outscored the Bears by a 50-32 margin.

The Patriots out-shot the Bears, connecting on 36 of 66 field goals (55 percent), while Brown was held to just 37 percent shooting (19 of 52) from the field. George Mason also finished the game with a decided advantage on the backboard, out-rebounding the Bears by a 40-29 margin.

Sophomore center Morgan Kelly registered a career high 11 points for the Bears, while Skrelja joined Kelley and Sullivan in double with 11 points.

George Mason, a Final Four team just two years ago, also had key contributions from two underclassmen, reaping the rewards of its NCAA Semifinalist team. Freshman Michael Morrison scored 12 of his 15 points in the second half for the Patriots, while sophomore Vlad Moldoveanu chipped in with 12 points and 8 rebounds.

Game #3 Brown vs. Holy Cross November 19, 2008 Worcester, MA

Junior center Matt Mullery scored 18 points and sophomore guard Adrian Williams added a career high 16 points to lead Brown (1-2) to a 62-57 victory over Holy Cross (2-1) for its first win of the season, and the first career victory for Bears' head coach Jesse Agel.

Williams turned in a gutsy performance after missing Monday's game against George Mason with a foot injury. In addition to scoring 16 points, Williams, the defensive catalyst for the Bears, registered a career high 7 steals, the second best performance in Brown basketball history.

Mullery set up camp in the paint against the taller Crusaders, shooting a perfect 7 of 7 from the field, and 4 of 4 from the free throw line, in scoring 18 points. Mullery also grabbed five rebounds and blocked three shots, moving into ninth place in the Brown record book with 59 career blocks.

Holy Cross led, 31-27, at the half, after leading by as many as eight points, but the Bears stayed within striking distance of the Crusaders throughout the second half.

Trailing 49-47, Brown went on a 10-0 run, taking the lead for good, 50-49, on a three-point basket by senior Chris Skrelja with 4:35 remaining in the game. A lay-up by Mullery, a trey by Williams and a basket by senior Scott Friske extended the Brown lead to 57-49 with 2:47 left in the game.

Brown built its biggest lead, 60-51, on two free throws by Mullery with 1:10 left in the game. Skrelja was the hero for the Bears in the game's waning moments, making two steals with less than 30 seconds remaining.

The Bear also received a solid game from sophomore Peter Sullivan with nine points and five rebounds. Skrelja added seven points, four rebounds and four assists, while sophomore Chris Taylor came off the bench to score six points and pull down a team high six rebounds.

The Crusaders were led by Colin Cunningham, who scored 11 points, grabbed eight rebounds and handed out six assists.

Game #4 Brown vs. Northwestern November 22, 2008 Providence, RI

Brown's furious second half rally came up short as the Bears dropped their home opener to Northwestern, 73-64, at the Pizzitola Sports Center. Northwestern (3-0) senior guard Craig Moore connected on a Pizzitola record nine treys on 9 of 13 shooting behind the three-point arc in scoring a game high 31 points.

Junior center Matt Mullery scored 17 points to lead Brown (1-3) on 7 of 8 shooting from the field, while pulling down six rebounds and blocking three shots.

The Bears rallied from a 48-26 halftime deficit to cut the Northwestern lead to 66-60 on a jumper by Chris Skrelja with 4:43 remaining in the game. The Bears had an opportunity to get even closer, but Mullery was taken down in the paint, and sophomore Peter Sullivan's three-point attempt just missed its mark.

Northwestern set the Pizzitola floor on fire in the first half, connecting on 10 of its first 13 treys to build a 42-24 lead with 3:05 left in the first half. The Wildcats went on to build a 48-26 halftime lead.

Moore connected on 8 of 9 treys to score 24 first half points as the Wildcats shot a sizzling 11 of 16 shots from behind the three-point arc in the half.

The Bears attacked the Wildcats at the outset of the second half, outscoring Northwestern 11-2 to open the half and cut the deficit to 50-37, on a trey by Mullery with 17:37 left in the second half.

Sullivan tossed in 16 points for Brown on 4 of 6 shooting from three-point range, while sophomore Adrian Williams netted 13 points. Skrelja also scored in double figures for the Bears, while pulling down six rebounds. The Bears out-rebounded the taller, more physical team from the Big 10 by a 24-17 margin.

Michael Thompson netted 15 points for the Wildcats, while Kevin Coble scored 10 points.