

St. Mary's Men's Basketball Struggles Against Division I Davidson, 112-59

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St. Mary's (MD)	59	(5-3)
Davidson	112	(6-2)

The St. Mary's College men's basketball team lost to Division I Davidson by a 112-59 final margin on Thursday evening. Davidson improved to 6-2 on the season with the win, while the Seahawks dropped to 5-3 overall with the loss.

Senior Ian Johnson led the Wildcats with 20 points and was one of five senior Wildcats to score in double figures, reaching 20 points for the fourth time in eight games this year on 8-of-11 shooting. Senior Matt McKillop tied a career high with six three-pointers while finishing with 18 points to help his father and Davidson head coach Bob McKillop tie the record for most wins by a Southern Conference coach. Brendan Winters scored 14, Jason Morton 13 and Eric Blancett chipped in ten for the Wildcats.

St. Mary's hung tough with the Wildcats over the first nine minutes of the game. A three-pointer by junior guard Valdez Preston (Dundalk, MD/Dundalk) with 11:34 left in the first half got the Seahawks within two at 22-20. But Davidson took control of the game with an 11-1 run over the next four minutes and an 8-0 spurt a bit later that spanned 1:31 to take a 17-point lead into the locker room, 48-31.

Preston and sophomore guard Tyson Lesesne (Edgewood, MD/Edgewood) kept the Seahawks in the game with 27 of the team's 31 first-half points while the pair shot 10-of-17 from the floor and 5-of-11 from behind the arc. The rest of the squad managed just one field goal in seven tries, a three-pointer by sophomore forward T.J. Jordan (Bel Air, MD/Bel Air).

The Wildcats began the second half with a four-point play by Johnson on a lay-up and an intentional foul, sandwiched between a pair of three-pointers by McKillop. Another bucket by Johnson put Davidson up by 29 before St. Mary's scored its first points of the stanza on a three-point play by Preston.

Preston tallied nearly half of St. Mary's points, hitting 9-of-14 shots, including 4-of-7 from behind the arc, for a season-high 25 points. He also grabbed a team-best seven rebounds. Lesesne also reached double figures with 13 points for the Seahawks.

The Seahawks will return to action on Saturday, December 17, when they travel to Washington College for a non-conference contest. The game is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m.

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