

Sweat's double-double leads CU over Lyon Thursday

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LEBANON -- Gallatin's Michael Sweat scored 13 points and tied a career-high with 16 rebounds to lead Cumberland to a 73-58 victory over Lyon College in men's basketball action Thursday at the Dallas Floyd Recreation Center.

Daniel McFadden added 14 points and Charles Stewart netted 11, both off the bench, as the Bulldogs (15-7, 5-4 TranSouth) ended a four-game conference losing streak.

CU shot 59 percent in the second half to expand its two-point halftime edge and send Lyon (7-14, 1-8) to its 12th loss in the last 13 outings.

Lamar Brinkley posted 11 points and Johnny Williams had 10 for Cumberland, while Lyon sophomore CJ Blount led all scorers with 20 points, including three rim-rattling putback dunks, and grabbed 15 rebounds to pace the Scots.

Daniel Ritchie was the only other Lyon player in double figures with 14 points, as the visitors shot just 38 percent from the field for the game.

Neither team could muster much offense in the first half, with the teams combining to make only 21-of-57 field goals. The Scots jumped out to an 11-5 lead behind five points from Ricky Thomas, but the Bulldogs came back with a 9-2 spurt that included two buckets by Terry Williams and the first of three 3-pointers in the period by McFadden.

Neither team led by more than three the rest of the half and Andrew Ayodeji's trifecta with 1:10 on the clock gave CU a 29-27 edge at the half.

Lyon hung around to start the second half, cutting the deficit to two after a Slater Belew layup with 12:34 remaining, but CU answered with an 11-2 spurt that ended with a 3-pointer from Sweat and an old-fashioned 3-point play by Brinkley. The Scots never got closer than seven points the rest of the way.

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Cumberland travels to Freed-Hardeman in Henderson Saturday for a 4 p.m. contest.