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Aggies Lose Hoops Heartbreaker

oodwell, Okla.-The 3-3 OPSU Aggies hosted the 2-4 Dallas Baptist Patriots on Saturday afternoon in both teams' first conference game, and from start to finish it was the ultimate basketball game, but the only thing missing was an Aggie W at the end of the game.

OPSU came out hot and jumped out to an early 12-5 lead with 17:15 left in the first half. DBU climbed back to within two with just under 13 minutes left, but the Aggies maintained control and went into halftime with a 46-39 advantage.

The Aggies cooled off to begin the second half and the Patriots slowly shrunk the OPSU lead. With 16:49 left, DBU took their first lead of the ball game with a score of 51-50. It remained a back-and-forth contest with the lead changing until 8:30 remaining when DBU took a five point advantage and started to pull away. With 3:40 left in the game, DBU jumped out to their biggest lead with 88-75 on the scoreboard. OPSU was not about to give up and go down without a fight and miraculously came back within one at the 30 second mark after scoring a quick 5 points following DBU turnovers. After making one of two free throws, DBU was up by three with the final seconds running off the clock. Brandon Caruthers threw up desperation shot that was no good and the Aggies fell 94-91 to the Patriots.

T. J. Farrell led all scorers with 30 points, shooting 6-9 from behind the three-point arc. Damar Hill, Krys Randolph, and Michael Patterson were also in the double digits for points as Hill had 16, Randolph had 11, and Patterson had 14. The Aggies fall to 3-4 overall and 0-1 in conference play and will host Paul Quinn College on Thursday, December 6 at 7 p.m.

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