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Aggies Taken Down on Road

By Brandon Gipe on 02/21/2014

Claremore, Okla.-The OPSU men's basketball team was on the road Thursday against Rogers State University, who is sitting fourth in the conference with a 15-9 overall record and 10-6 in Heartland Conference play.

The Aggies and the Hillcats were neck and neck the entire first half with the Aggies trailing by two going into the break 41-39.

Senior Point Guard Z. Jones had a good half going 5-9 shooting, including two three-pointers to give him 16 points at the break. Krys Randolph also had a good half contributing nine points.

Deran Banton had a great half for Rogers State going 8-9 from the field and 4-4 from three-point land to give him 22 points going into half time.

In the second half the Aggies saw the game starting to slip away from them with a little under 15 minutes remaining and the Hillcat lead going up to 12 point (60-48). With a little under 10 minutes on the clock, the lead was up to 20 for Rogers State.

The final score was 93-78 in favor of the Hillcats. Z Jones led all Aggie scorers with 20 points, followed by Bill Lee with 14, and Jeremy Newton with 13 points.

For Rogers State Deran Banton led in scoring with 34 points followed by Damion Hooks with 18 points, and Robinson Odoch-Opong who finished with 16 points.

Aggies' Head Coach Jerry Olson was proud of the teams' effort saying, "We

never give up. We just had too many turnovers that led to easy points."

The loss drops the Aggies to 2-22 (2-13) and Rogers State improves to 16-9 (11-6) with the win. The Aggies play again Saturday in Fort Smith, Arkansas against the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

Aggie Women Drop Road Loss to Hillcats

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Claremore, Okla.-The Aggie women played Thursday night against conference opponent Rogers State in Claremore Oklahoma. The Hillcats came in the game an 8-16 record (6-13) and sitting 8th in conference.

The Hillcats seemed to be in control most of the first half until the Aggies made a comeback to bring the game to within three points; Rogers State went on a big run to advance their lead to 14 points going into the half with a score of 32-18.

The leading scorer at the break for the Aggies was Kortney Williams who had seven points going into halftime. The scoring for the Hillcats was pretty evenly distributed, and DaNara Day led with nine points for Rogers State.

Nothing seemed to go right for the Aggies starting the second half as the Hillcats lead was brought up to 22 points with a little less than 15 minutes left in the game. The Hillcats were in the lead the entire second half going up by as much as 28 points over the Aggies; the final score from Claremore was 78-54 in favor of the home team.

The leading scorer for the Aggies was senior Sarah Johnson who had 12 points; next was Brittany Alavinejad who had 10 points and Hannah Tatum finished with eight points.

For the Hillcats it was Katy Harsen and DaNara Day who led the way for Rogers State with 14 points apiece; Mikaila Newton had 13, and Adrianna Leatherbury totalled 10 points. Katy Harsen also had 14 rebounds to give her a double-double on the night.

OPSU Coach Charles Terry said, "We just didn't compete tonight and our shooting was bad."

The loss drops OPSU to 1-23 (1-17); with the win Rogers State improves to 9-16 (6-13). The Aggie women are on the road Saturday as the take on the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith in Fort Smith.

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