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UT-Dallas takes tough one-point loss to visiting Marian College

Richardson, TX--The Comets were leading by six at the half over the Sabres of Marian (Wisconsin) but couldn't hold on to the game as UTD took its fourth loss of the season.

Marian scored 19 points off of 21 UTD turnovers to win 70-69 tonight at the UTD Activity Center. The Marian offense was led by point guard Scott Jaeger who shot just 4-of-13, but three of those four were three-point baskets. UTD's Brian Thomas tied his season high point total tonight with 26 and adding six rebounds. Freshman Brian Mitchell also had a nice scoring drive with 15 points and three assists.

The aggressive game resulted in 46 total fouls and 10 lead changes in the second half. UTD pulled ahead with 10 minutes remaining 45-39 with a jumper by Thomas, but two quick turnovers and four points later, Marian was back in the game. Marian's Eric Schoenecker shot a three-pointer and a jumper to put the Sabres back in the lead twice. The game would continue to bounce back and forth and would remain tied at 65 with 3:30 left in regulation. After another lead change, a three by MC's Jaeger put the Sabres up by one. The Comets were down by one point with 20 seconds on the clock and that's where the game would end. UT-Dallas shot a hot 13-for-20 from the field in the first half but simmered down to 10-of-29 in the second. The difference looked to be turnovers and free throws, with Marian netting 14 of 18, while the Comets made only 19 of 35 attempts.

UTD returns to the hardwood following the Christmas holiday at home on December 29th against Huntingdon at 3:00 pm. The Comets are now 5-4 overall.

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