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UTD Men set new school record with win over visiting East Texas Baptist

Richardson, TX--With 12 wins this season, the UT-Dallas Men's Basketball team set a new school record for total wins in the program's short four-year history.

UTD came out of the shoot running and taking a 16-3 lead early in the first half of play. The Tigers, who beat the Comets by 13 earlier this season, came within one point during the game, but UTD never trailed in the 86-65 win over the Tigers. UTD shot a blazing 55% from the field, while East Texas Baptist banked for 37% in the loss. The starting lineup for UT-Dallas contributed 59 of the team's 86 points, as ETBU's starting five netted only 29 points out of 65. Freshman Chris Walker had a stellar night for the Comets, shooting 6-of-10, 4-of-6 from three-point range for 18 points. Walker also had four assists and two steals in 32 minutes. Junior Brian Thomas and freshman Brian Mitchell each had 16 points. Thomas was a major help with 11 rebounds, nine of those on the defensive end of the court. Freshman Jeff Garrett was a perfect 3-for-3, with nine points, five rebounds, five assists and one steal.

For East Texas Baptist, Rod Ceasar was hard to contain, making 8-of-11 shots for 18 points. The Tigers fall to 5-3 in the American Southwest Conference, while the Comets stay at an even .500 with four wins and four losses.

UTD under Coach Terry Butterfield has turned the tables, overcoming a 4-21 season one year ago and tripling the program's win total to 12. There are still four games remaining in the season. Austin College comes to town Thursday for a 7:30 tipoff and the Comets will try to avenge their overtime loss to the Kangaroos.

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