

COMETS

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UTD Basketball dominates in home opener

Richardson, TX--The UTD Comet Basketball teams outscored Dallas Christian College 186-118 in the first home games of the 2001 season. The women won 87-51, while the men stomped DCC 99-67.

Leading the way for the Lady Comets was senior Mandy Whitworth. Whitworth shot an amazing 10-15 from the field in 22 minutes of work. She also added two assists and six steals. The senior guard has averaged 20.5 points in the first two games this season and is shooting 57%. Freshman Julee Waller helped the Comet cause, putting in 10 points on nine attempts, going 2-for-2 from the three-point line and pulling down three rebounds. Dallas Christian was led by Michelle Worth, who scored 20 points and had 10 rebounds, eight of them on defense. DCC was strong in the free throw category, drawing 21 of 24, while UTD only sank 11 of 26. The Comets play Paul Quinn tomorrow at home at 3:00 pm.

The UTD Men were one point away from a 100-point home opener. The Comets, who finished with only four wins last season, are set to prove they can compete for the ASC East title. UT-Dallas came out in a fury, sinking 23 of 40 shots in the first half for a 58% shooting mark. UTD saw outstanding performances from Laurence Daggett, going 9-for-12 for 21 points, five boards in 19 minutes of play. Chris Walker, a freshman guard from Grapevine, was right behind Daggett with 17 points, shooting a perfect 6-6 from the field, 3-3 from three-point land and 2-2 at the line. He also led the team in rebounds with seven. Clayton Curry put up some strong numbers in eight minutes, going 5-for-7 with 11 points and three offensive rebounds. Center James Love was stellar on the inside adding 10 points, six boards, three assists and two blocked shots. Dallas Christian guard Bryce Cole tried to help his team with 20 points.

The Comets will travel to former conference rival the University of Dallas for a Sunday matchup at 3:00 pm in Irving.

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