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UTD Women hang on despite scoring scare from the University of Dallas

Richardson, TX--First half shooting was less than desireable for both the Comets of UTD and the visiting UD Lady Crusaders. The Lady Comets came away with a tooth-and-nail 56-55 victory at home tonight in Richardson.

The UT-Dallas Women shot just 26 percent from the field, while the Lady Crusaders scrapped together only 15 points in the first half shooting 17 percent. The second half of play was more competitive as UD outscored the Comets 40-30 with two chances to win in the last 30 seconds of the game. The University of Dallas sent Stephanie Meier to the free throw line with 28 seconds remaining in regulation and needed to hit the extra point to tie up the game, but UTD's Katherine Salerno rebounded the ball and started down court. With 16 ticks left, University of Dallas Meier stripped Salerno for another chance to win the game on a break away layup, only to miss the game-winning shot. UD's Alese McKinstry led the scoring in tonight's action with 16 points. The Comets were led by junior Jessica Conrad with 12 points. Perhaps the biggest accomplishment was by senior guard Salerno. She pulled down 14 rebounds, 13 of those on the defensive end. Salerno's previous best was 11 back on January 5 at Schreiner University. UTD is currently 10-8 while the Crusaders fell to 6-10 overall.

The UT-Dallas Women are home the next two games against conference opponents. LeTourneau University heads to Richardson Thursday for a 5:30 tipoff. East Texas Baptist comes to town this Saturday for a 1:00 pm start time.

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