

# COMETS

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*Lady Comets have strong showing against tough ETBU squad*

Richardson, TX--The UT-Dallas Lady Comets came much closer to a win this go-around, falling to the East Texas Baptist Lady Tigers 85-75 tonight in Richardson. UTD lost by 28 a week ago on ETBU's home floor.

The Comets got into some early foul trouble, getting the whistle 16 times in the first half alone. Despite the foul problems, UTD trailed by just nine going into halftime. UTD came out strong and kept the Lady Tigers unbalanced, while junior Jessica Conrad lit up the floor making 5-of-10 three-point attempts, ultimately leading the Comet scoring drive with 21. ETBU's press gave the Lady Comets a rough time, but the team looked to Conrad and freshman Julee Waller for some inspiration. Waller scored 18 points, while attempting 15 extra point shots. She was 10-for-15 from the free throw line and led the team with six boards.

The Lady Tigers had four players in double figures and capitalized on missed shots, turning a quick transition into two points. ETBU's Tanasha Ellis was the top scorer with 24 points on 16 attempts. She was a near perfect at the line, sinking 10-of-12 shots. Ellis also made a dent in the rebound column, snagging nine total and seven on the defensive end. Others in double figures were Tameka Gardner with 17, Sandy Gabriel had 13 before fouling out and Veronica Carter shot a perfect 6-for-6 for 17.

The Lady Tigers improve to 6-2 in the ASC, while the Comets sit at 2-6 in the East. UTD plays host to Austin College this Thursday at 5:30 pm. This is the second-to-last home game of the season. The team will play at the University of Dallas Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm.

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