

'Dogs Earn Postseason Win at UTEP

EL PASO, Texas --- The Fresno State men's basketball team guarded their way to a 61-56 road victory over the University of Texas-EI Paso in the first round of the College Basketball Invitational (CBI) on Wednesday night at the Don Haskins Center.

The win marked the first postseason victory for the Bulldogs since a 2001 win over California in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"Great team win tonight versus a talented team in a hostile environment!!" Fresno State third-year head coach Rodney Terry tweeted after the game. "(Our) guys worked the game for 40 minutes! Proud of them!"

Fresno State (18-16) used a steady and solid defensive effort to limit UTEP (23-11) to just 35.3 percent from the field while the Bulldogs got it done offensively in the second half in hitting 12 of their 24 shots after halftime.

Bulldogs' sophomore point guard Cezar Guerrero posted 19 points, 10 rebounds and five assists for his first career double-double. Sophomore Marvelle Harris added 14 points and freshman forward Paul Watson had nine points, including a huge 3-pointer with 27 seconds to play that gave the 'Dogs a 57-53 lead.

Neither team led by more than six points in the tight defensive battle.

Fresno State will host Princeton in the second round of the CBI on Monday night at the Save Mart Center. Season ticket holders will be able to purchase tickets starting on Thursday. Tickets for the general public will go on sale on Friday starting at \$10 for general admission seating.

