

Bradley evens CBI Championship Series

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) - Jeremy Crouch's 20 points helped Bradley even the inaugural College Basketball Invitational championship series with an 83-74 win against Tulsa on Wednesday night.

Crouch hit five 3-pointers and finished 7-for-13 from the field. Andrew Warren added 17 points, including four 3-pointers, Theron Wilson had 13 points and Daniel Ruffin chipped in 12 points for Bradley (21-16).

Tulsa (24-14) won Game 1 of the series 73-68 on Monday. Game 3 of the best-of-three series will be Friday night at Tulsa.

The Braves' defense forced several miscues from the Golden Hurricane on Wednesday. Bradley scored 16 points off Tulsa's 12 turnovers. Bradley turned the ball over seven times for three points.

The Braves led by as many as 18 points with 12:33 remaining before Tulsa tightened the game in the final three minutes.

The Braves controlled the first half and led the Golden Hurricane 48-34 at halftime.

Crouch, a senior guard known mainly as a 3-point specialist, had the night's best play. Midway through the second half, Crouch missed a free throw (his first miss in 21 attempts), grabbed his own rebound directly under the basket and flipped a no-look, behind-the-back pass to teammate David Collins for an easy layup.

Junior forward Ray Reese led the Golden Hurricane with 19 points, including 4-of-7 3-pointers. Brett McDade added 12 points, and Jerome Jordan scored 11.