

Valpo wins at Washington

SEATTLE (AP) – Brian Bouchie scored 20 points and Brandon McPherson 18 as Valparaiso held on to beat Washington 72-71 Wednesday night in the first round of the inaugural College Basketball Invitational.

Jon Brockman had 22 points and 12 rebounds to lead the hometown Huskies but missed two free throws with 4.7 seconds left.

Shawn Huff scored on a drive with 2:45 remaining for the final points as the Crusaders (22-13) won in the first meeting of the two schools.

Washington (16-17) missed seven shots from the field in the final two minutes in the West Region game. Justin Dentmon scored 11 points for the Huskies and Quincy Pondexter had 10.

Urule Igbavboa had 17 points for the Crusaders, who fell behind 71-70 on a 3-pointer by Joel Smith with 3:08 left.

Valparaiso plays at Houston (23-9) Monday in a quarterfinal game.

Pondexter missed an inside shot that could have put the Huskies ahead by one with 25 seconds left and then fouled Huff, who missed two free throws with 18.4 seconds.

The Huskies worked the ball to Brockman, who missed a shot, got the rebound and was fouled. The Huskies shot 11-for-24 from the foul line, 46 percent, down from a season average 59 percent.

Brockman, who entered the game seven minutes into the first half, had 14 points and five rebounds to help the Huskies to a 36-33 halftime lead. He missed the previous game, a Pac-10 tournament loss to California, with a sprained ankle.

Washington starting center Artem Wallace left the game with a knee injury after 1 minute.