

Raiders Slip Past Richmond 57-51

Dayton, Ohio - Down five with 10 minutes remaining, the men's basketball team outscored Richmond 23-12 the rest of the way to post a 57-51 win over the Spiders in the CBI quarterfinals Monday night at WSU's Nutter Center.

In a game that featured 15 ties and 16 lead changes, neither team had more than a three-point lead the entire first half, with Richmond holding a slim 26-23 edge at the break thanks to baskets from Cedrick Lindsay and Wayne Sparrow.

WSU shot 52 percent from the field in the opening 20 minutes, but was just one of six from three-point range and didn't attempt a free throw while the Spiders shot 46 percent overall, were two of 10 from behind the arc and hit two of four foul shots.

The Raiders scored the first six points of the second half, including a three-point play by Miles Dixon, only to see Richmond follow with a 13-5 run over the next seven minutes to go up 39-34.

Two AJ Pacher free throws and a JT Yoho three-point play put Wright State back in front 41-40 at the 8:07 mark, but the Spiders regained the lead at 48-45 on back-to-back Lindsay baskets with 4:13 left.

Reggie Arceneaux, however, tied it with a three and after Dixon put the Raiders ahead for good with a layup at the 2:39 mark, Jerran Young capped off a 9-0 run with a jumper and a fast-break dunk with 1:08 remaining.

Greg Robbins answered for Richmond with a three at the 42.4-second mark, but that would be all the closer the Spiders would get as Young scored the final three points of the game at the foul line.

With the win, Wright State (23-12) tied the 2006-07 squad (23-10) for the most wins in its 26-year Division I history.

For the game, the Raiders shot 46 percent and were 14 of 18 at the foul line compared to 42 percent shooting and nine of 16 foul shooting for Richmond.

Dixon led all scorers with 14 off the bench for WSU while Young added 13 points, all but two coming in the second half, and also had seven rebounds.

Robbins paced Richmond (19-15) with 12 points.

Wright State now advances to the CBI semifinals on Wednesday, March 27, against an opponent, site and time to be determined. That contest will mark the latest a WSU team has played in a season, eclipsing the March 26, 1983 Division II national championship game against District of Columbia.

