

NORTHAMPTON WINS DEFENSIVE CLASH AGAINST AMHERST ON FRIDAY

AMHERST, MASS. -- The Northampton Blue Devils won a tough defensive battle against the Amherst Hurricanes, 48-43 on Friday night. The two teams traded the lead throughout the game but the Hurricanes were unable to build on their second half momentum.

The Blue Devils were led by Naihmond Peters-Wolfe with a game high 32 points, contributing eight shots triples, while going 8-12 from the freethrow line and grabbing six rebounds.

The Hurricanes were led by Samuel Woodruff with 16 points and seven rebounds.

Breaking Down The Action

- The Blue Devils took an early 3-0 lead with a shot from behind the arc by Naihmond Peters-Wolfe and was quickly answered by Amherst's Mitchell Carey to tie the game.
- Braydon Nichols-Staples broke a near three minute scoring drought with a jumpshot putting the blue devils up 5-3.
- Peters-Wolfe connected on back-to-back three pointers, one at the buzzer to make the score 11-3 after the first quarter.
- Samuel Woodruff's shot from under the basket opened the scoring in the second quarter cutting the hurricane deficit to six with 6:28 left in the half.
- Peters-Wolfe added a three pointer to extend the Blue Devils lead, 14-5.
- Gael Buford's putback shot and a basket from the charity stripe by Woodruff made the score 17-10 with less than four minutes in the half.
- Free throws courtesy of Peters-Wolfe extended the lead 19-10.
- Amherst started to gain momentum garnering a 6-2 scoring run highlighted by an alley oop layup by Samir Douglas to cut the deficit down 21-16 going into halftime.
- Nichols-Staples opened the third with a basket from the charity stripe making the score 21-17.
- The hurricanes tied the game off free throws but the Blue Devils quickly recovered with a shot from the arc by Peters-Wolfe.
- Off a rebound, Woodruff found the basket putting Amherst within one.
- The two teams traded baskets capped by a fastbreak layup by Mitchell Carey to put the Hurricanes ahead with 3:01 left in the quarter.
- With less than a minute left, Peters-Wolfe sank his sixth three of the night to put the Blue Devils within one.
- Nichols-Staples sank one of his free throws to tie the score at 32-32 heading into the fourth.
- Woodruff cut the tie with a layup with 7:00 on the clock but was answered with a three by Peters-Wolfe to put Northampton up, 35-34.
- A rebound and three-point play by Woodruff allowed Amherst to take the lead with 5:51 in the game.
- After a two-minute scoring drought, Woodruff scored in the paint extending the Hurricane's lead 39-35.
- Two shots from the charity stripe by Eli Reid put the Blue Devils within one with 2:52 left to play.

- After braking Northampton's press, Carey extended the Amherst lead but the game was quickly tied by Peters-Wolfe.
- A shot by Jayden Rivera put Northampton ahead at 43-41 with 1:42 on the clock.
- A basket from the charity stripe by Douglas put the Hurricanes within one.
- With 47 seconds left, Reid connected on two baskets from the free-throw line extending the lead 46-42.
- The two teams traded free-throws with Northampton winning the battle for a final score of 48-43.