

Flames Drop Heart-Breaker

Kentucky Christian University 80
Free Will Baptist Bible College 76 OT

Missed free throws and turnovers down the stretch cost the Flames a win Friday night as they fell to fourth-ranked Kentucky Christian University in overtime, 80-76.

The Flames led by 10 points with nine minutes left in regulation when the Knights caught fire from beyond the arc and knocked down three consecutive treys. That seemed to rattle the Flames, and they missed free throws and made a couple of key turnovers. With less than 10 seconds left in regulation, KCU tied the game. FWBBC couldn't get a good shot off, and the game went into overtime.

In the extra frame, the Knights used their momentum to outscore the Flames, 9-5, and steal a four-point win.

“We have *got* to make our free throws,” said a discouraged Coach Nathan Willhite. “We played so well until late in the game, and we let it get away from us.”

David Landers led the Flames with 27 points and 10 rebounds. Kendred Sides added 19 points, and Adam Gardner pulled down 10 rebounds.

Flames Fall to OCU

Ohio Christian University 90
Free Will Baptist Bible College 67

Too bad the Flames didn't play the first half of Saturday's game like they played the second half. They trailed by 20 at intermission en route to a 90-67 loss to Ohio Christian University.

The Trailblazers jumped out to an early lead and built on it throughout the first half, but the gritty Flames didn't go away. They became more aggressive and played even with OCU, but were unable to chip away at the deficit and went down in defeat.

“We played scared the first half,” said Coach Willhite. “It wasn't until the second half that we figured out we could play with them. We needed to start the game that way.”

David Landers led the Flames with 14 points and six rebounds, and Jabbar Grayson added 10 points.