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Mules down Gorillas, 79-74 for fourth straight win.

(Warrensburg, Mo.) – The Central Missouri State Mules completed the season sweep over Pittsburg State, 79-74 on Wednesday night in Warrensburg, but it wasn't easy. The scores of the two games were only a combined eight-point advantage for CMSU.

The Mules and Gorillas matched each other bucket for bucket in the first 10 minutes of the game as CMSU held a 17-15 lead. After the second media timeout Central Missouri went on a 15-5 run to take its largest lead of the night at 32-20. PSU cut the lead to six but **Theo Jones** hit a three-point bucket with nine seconds left to send the Mules into the locker room with a 38-29 advantage. **Alonzo Brooks** lead CMSU with 10 points in the opening stanza while **Michael Hicks** added eight more. Joe Bridges led the Gorillas with 10 points.

Eddie Jackson scored eight of Pitt State's first nine points to open the second period, as the Mule lead was trimmed to 40-38. CMSU answered PSU's run with one of their own to push the lead back up to eight with a little under 8 minutes gone in the second half. The final 12 minutes saw Pittsburg State continue to scrap and claw their way back into the game, but every time they did the Mules answered. The Gorillas cut the lead to six with 0:26 seconds remaining, but CMSU connected on three-of-four free throws to ice the game.

Central Missouri used a 37-to-30 rebound advantage and made more free throws (21) than the Gorillas attempted (12).

Hicks led three Mules in double figures with 20, while Brooks and **Wadale Williams** each added 16. Brooks and **Corey Brown** each pulled down nine boards to lead CMSU. Brown finished one point and one rebound shy of his first ever double-double at CMSU.

Jackson led four Gorillas in double digits with 22. Edward Morris, Daniel Blair, and Joe Bridges each pitched in 10. Blair grabbed six rebounds to lead Pittsburg State.

The Mules, ranked third in the latest regional rankings, return to action next Wednesday evening at Missouri Southern, game time is 7:30 p.m.

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