

## **Wolves and Chargers Up Next For Warriors**

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The Wayne State University men's basketball team has started the week of December 4th off on the right foot with a 76-63 victory over Rochester College on Tuesday night. WSU will now try to end the week the way it started against University of Michigan-Dearborn (Dec. 7th) at home and on the road at Hillsdale College (Dec. 9). The Warriors are 3-4 overall and 0-2 in the GLIAC.

"We have a tough road ahead of us," said head coach **Ron Hammye**. "Dearborn is a talented team with good size. It will be a battle for us. We are going to have to play well to win the contest. Against Hillsdale we will be going up against one of the premier teams in the conference. The Chargers have outstanding players at the three, four and five positions. They also have great perimeter shooters. It would be an upset if we went down there and won. However it is quite feasible for us to accomplish that feat."

The Warriors led against Rochester from the start of the game until the end. WSU had three players score 16 points (Justin Gorman, Nick Gout and Reggie Kirkland) and had five players score in double-digits. Emeka Okonkwo had a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Brandon Gray scored 11 points for the Warriors.

WSU won the contest with outstanding shooting and rebounding. The Warriors shot .510 percent from the field for the contest including .720 percent in the first half. Wayne State outrebounded Rochester 43-23 in the contest.

"One of our points of emphasis before the contest was rebounding," said Hammye. "We did a much better job of getting in position and rebounding the ball. Another big key was our ability to rebound the ball offensively. Hopefully this can carry over against University of Michigan-Dearborn and Hillsdale as well as the rest of the season."

Below are WSU's top performers.

**Nick Gout (Allen Park, Mich.)** - A freshman center/forward, Gout is averaging 13.4 ppg. and 4.0 rpg. Gout is shooting .815 percent (22-25) from the free throw line and .596 from the field (31-52). Gout scored 16 points against Rochester.

**Mike Brown (Ann Arbor, Mich./Huron)** - The junior guard is averaging 13.0 ppg. and 4.14 apg. Brown has led the Warriors in scoring once and has led WSU in rebounding twice.

**Rick Fox (Toledo, OH/St. Francis)** – A junior center, Fox is averaging 11.9 ppg. and 5.0 rpg.

**Reggie Kirkland (Detroit, Mich./Romulus)** – The junior guard is averaging 10.7 ppg. and 4.0 rpg. Kirkland scored 16 points against Rochester. Kirkland has scored in double-digits four different times this season.

**Justin Gorman (Riverview, Mich./Aquinas)** – Sophomore forward scored 16 points against Rochester College. Gorman is averaging 8.3 ppg. and 3.3 rpg.

**Chukwuemeka Okonkwo (Ann Arbor, Mich./Pioneer)** – The senior forward recorded a double-double against Rochester with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Okonkwo has led the Warriors in rebounding three different times. He is averaging 8.7 ppg. and 6.3 rpg.

**Brandon Gray (River Rouge, Mich.)** – A sophomore guard/forward scored 11 points against Rochester. Gray is averaging 5.1 ppg. and 3.6 rpg.

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