



The Bank One Game Notes

Youngstown Pride vs. Illinois Express Game 25 - Sunday, July 9, 1989

Tonight's Game: Two teams streaking in opposite directions meet tonight at Beeghly Center in the last game before the All-Star break for both squads. Youngstown (14-10) has won its last three games, all at home, including a 123-113 win over Illinois on Friday. The Express (16-8) has lost three in a row for the first time this season. Willie Bland moved past Alfredrick Hughes in the WBL scoring leaders. Hughes, who was second in the league on Monday, is averaging 21.0 points, while Bland moved his average to 21.1.

Tonight's Starters

Youngstown (14-10 overall, 11-2 home)					Illinois (16-8 overall, 6-3 road)				
	Ht.	PPG	RPG			Ht.	PPG	RPG	
10 Willie Bland	6-3	21.1	8.5	F	7 Marty Simmons	6-4	14.3	2.8	
34 Barry Mitchell	6-4	12.6	6.1	F	21 Alfredrick Hughes	6-4	21.0	12.2	
44 Frank Ford	6-4	8.1	7.8	C	20 Perry McDonald	6-4	9.6	6.0	
21 Dale Blaney	6-4	12.9	2.2	G	5 Andrew Moten	6-0	15.1	2.5	
22 Tim Legler	6-4	17.3	3.4	G	24 Darryl Johnson	6-1	16.3	2.6	

The Pride: Youngstown improved its home record to 11-2 with Friday's win over the Express. Eric Newsome scored 10 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter to key the win. Newsome and forward Shawn Roberts both signed on Thursday and made their debut in Friday's game. Willie Bland and Dale Blaney led the team offensively with 26 points each. For Bland, it marked the fifth consecutive game in which he led or tied for the team lead in scoring.

The Express: Three consecutive losses have dropped the Express from first in the WBL to second, a full game behind Calgary. Illinois had led the WBL during the entire month of June. Andrew Moten was dropped from the starting line-up on Friday and played just three minutes and did not score in the first quarter, but the sharp-shooting guard led the Express with 27 points, including six three-pointers. Alfredrick Hughes added 24 and led the team with nine rebounds. Darryl Johnson scored 22, including 16 in the second half.

The Series: With Friday's win, Youngstown tied the all-time series between the two teams at seven games each. The Pride leads the season series at 2-1 and has a 6-2 edge in games played in Beeghly Center. In the only other meetings this year, the two squads split a series in Springfield with Illinois winning the first game, 122-110, and Youngstown earning the second, 100-91.

Pride Roster Additions: The Pride signed two new players before this series, Eric Newsome, a 5-8 guard from Miami (OH) who averaged 14.9 points for the Redskins during his career, and Shawn Roberts, a 6-4 forward, who averaged 12.1 points and 5.7 rebounds at Akron.

Next Game: After tonight's game, both teams will break for the All-Star game on Wednesday, July 12, at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. From tonight's game, Youngstown's Willie Bland, Barry Mitchell and Tim Legler will join Illinois' Alfredrick Hughes, Darryl Johnson and Marty Simmons on the All-Star team which will face Las Vegas, the defending WBL champions.

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World Basketball League Standings

Through July 9, 1989

	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Last Ten	Home	Road
Calgary 88's	18	8	.692	-	Won 7	8-2	12-3	6-5
Illinois Express	16	8	.667	1	Lost 3	5-5	10-5	6-3
Las Vegas Silver Streaks	16	10	.615	2	Lost 2	5-5	11-3	5-7
Youngstown Pride	14	10	.583	3	Won 3	5-5	11-2	3-8
Worcester Counts	10	15	.400	8	Lost 3	2-8	9-9	1-6
International Teams*	1	24	.040	-	Lost 4	1-9	0-0	1-24

*Composite record of Greece, Soviet Union, Italy, Holland, Finland and Norway.

Results

July 4	Youngstown 104, Las Vegas 101
July 5	Calgary 112, Worcester 106
July 6	Calgary 121, Worcester 120
July 7	Youngstown 123, Illinois 113
July 8	Worcester 119, Las Vegas 117, OT

Schedule

July 9	Illinois at Youngstown, 8 pm
	Worcester at Las Vegas, 11 pm
July 12	All-Star Game in Las Vegas, 10 pm

Last Night: The Worcester Counts won its first road game of the season, downing the Las Vegas Silver Streaks, 119-117 in overtime, in Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas. The Silver Streaks were without the services of Jamie Waller, the league's leading scorer, who missed the game due to a slight fracture of his left big toe. Worcester came back to tie the game at the end of regulation by out scoring Las Vegas, 37-30, in the final quarter, before winning in overtime, 7-5. Troy Lewis led the Counts in scoring with 23 points while Daron Brittman added 20 in his third WBL game. Darryl Kennedy scored 33 to pace Las Vegas, while Daren Queenan added 20.

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