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Panthers Pounce On Stony Brook

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In the first few minutes of the Dec. 21 game against Stony Brook, the Adelphi Panthers appeared so distracted it looked as if they couldn't wait to get out of the gym and start their winter break. They caught themselves pretty quickly as they stopped the turnovers and started putting on an exciting offensive show that led them to a 71-61 victory.

Kevin Miller was a strong presence at both ends of the court. He led Adelphi's scorers with 20 points and pulled down an impressive 12 rebounds [nine defensive]. Miller shot a solid 53 percent from the field [season avg. 55 percent], scoring from long-range and driving hard to the basket for some slam dunks.

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Perry Herbert, the team's leading scorer [avg. 17 ppg.], shot a terrific 70 percent from the field. He sank two of this three three-point buckets, contributing 16 points to the team effort. His blazing offense in

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the second half earned him coach Jim O'Connor's praise. Coach O'Connor applauded Herbert, Miller and Ray Williams for their sharp shooting as they were the only Panthers who shot well.

Freshman Ted Repa was quiet most of his 14 minutes in the game [29 percent from the field], but hit a decisive threepointer with almost nine and a half minutes to go, opening Adelphi's lead to 52-47.

Raymond Williams contributed 14 points [71 percent from the field], including a three-point bucket and three of four from the foul line.

Coach O'Connor believes that the Panthers' overall lack of effective scoring [Adelphi shot 44.8 percent and Stony Brook shot 49.0 percent] is what helped the Stony Brook Seawolves stay in the game. Essentially, the Panthers won the game on the free throw line, having made almost three times as many trips there as the Seawolves. Anthony Gilliam's aggressive play earned him more foul shots [six of eight] than the entire Stony Brook squad.

Although he was upset with the number of turnovers committed, Coach O'Connor was pleased with his team's defense—"we guarded them well down the stretch." Also, although Stony Brook is a taller team, Adelphi out-rebounded them 37-27. The Seawolves are now a Division III team, but will soon be moving up to Division II. This will probably intensify the Long Island rivalry, which includes, Dowling, C.W. Post, N.Y. Tech and Molloy.