

Mercer's Michaelis Has "Quiet" Night at Black And Gold Scrimmage

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University of Missouri freshman forward Sierra Michaelis, a 2013 graduate from North Mercer High School, had two points and five rebounds on Tuesday night, in Mizzou's "Black and Gold" intersquad scrimmage.



Coach Robin Pingeton told Joe Walljasper of the Columbia Daily Tribune that Sierra "didn't light it up tonight, but we still expect big things from her". Michaelis played only nine minutes, going 1 for 4 from the field.

In the game, Bri Kulas got things going in style, tossing in seven of her game-high 12 points in the first six minutes to give Mizzou Black an early 15-7 lead. The senior forward added six rebounds and three steals, but her performance wasn't enough as the Gold Team squeaked out a close 29-26 victory.

Sophomore Lianna Doty led a balanced attack for Mizzou Gold. The St. Louis native tallied seven points and five rebounds and helped her squad go on a 9-1 run to knot the score at 16-16 at the halftime break.

The second half was a back-and-forth affair as the two teams traded threes down the stretch. A Doty assist to freshman Jordan Frericks gave Mizzou Gold the lead for good with under a minute left. Frericks, part of the three-member freshman class that includes Michaelis, added eight points and 10 rebounds in her first exhibition appearance for the Tigers.

In the men's game, Earnest Ross scored a game-high 24 points, including the go-ahead layup with just 35 seconds remaining to lift Mizzou Gold to a 63-61 win in the Black & Gold Game Tuesday night at Mizzou Arena.

Ross and fellow Gold teammate, Jabari Brown (15 points), combined for 39 of their team's 63 points to earn the exciting two-point win. Brown also added four assists, while Ross contributed eight rebounds and two steals in 25 minutes.

Jordan Clarkson led the Mizzou Black with 19 points. Seeing his first action since the 2012 Mizzou Madness scrimmage, Clarkson played 29 minutes and was adept at getting into the lane from his point guard position. The junior also played alongside freshman point guard Wes Clark, who led all performers with eight assists (compared to just two turnovers).

Ryan Rosburg finished 7-of-9 from the floor to log 16 points and eight rebounds. Freshman Johnathan Williams, III contributed all over the court and added eight points, 11 rebounds and two blocks.