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DETROIT MERCY

Cleveland State holds off Titans



Bahaa-dar Russell scored 21 points,

and a depleted Cleveland State squad fought off a second-half rally to beat the visiting Titans, 63-61, on Saturday night.

Cleveland State (7-12, 1-5 Horizon League) was without starting guard Carlos English and key reserve Kevin Francis, who were declared academically ineligible earlier Saturday.

The Vikings used a 19-3 run to take a 33-18 lead at the half. Detroit (5-11, 2-3) cut the lead to 40-36 with

12 minutes to play. Brandon Cotton scored seven of the Titans' points during the run.

But Cleveland State held on, with J'Nathan Bullock and Raheem Moss each hitting a pair of free throws down the stretch. Moss had 16 points for the Vikings, who used just eight players.

Cotton led the Titans with 27 points. Ryvon Covile added 11.

PAST THREE GAMES RESULT

Jan. 4	at UW-Milwaukee	L 65-64
Jan. 6	Youngstown St.	W, 66-51
Sat.	at Cleveland St.	L, 63-61

NEXT THREE GAMES TIME

Wed.	Loyola (Ill.)	7:05
Jan. 20	at Ill.-Chicago	2:00
Jan. 25	UW-Milwaukee	7:05