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VIKES TAKE DOWN FALCONS

Salem State College - 91
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SALEM, Mass. – The Vikings received 18 points from senior guard Marquis Victor (Lawrence), 16 points from junior center Dylan Holmes (Groton) and 12 points from senior guard Alex Finn (Ashby) en route to a convincing 91-63 victory over Fitchburg State College in a Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) game played this afternoon at James Twohig Gymnasium.

SSC (10-3, overall; 1-0 MASCAC) opened its defense of its 2007 MASCAC regular season and postseason tournament titles by controlling the game from the opening tip to the final buzzer. Holmes and Finn each scored 10 first half points to help lead the Vikings, who snapped a two-game losing skid, to a 39-29 lead at the break.

The SSC lead swelled quickly in the second half courtesy of the Viking's red-hot shooting from the field. The home team shot a blistering 20-for-32 (.625) over the game's final 20 minutes. Leading scorer Victor finished 6-for-13 from the field, including 3-for-6 from the beyond the three-point line, and 3-for-3 from the charity stripe. Holmes made 7-of-14 attempts from the field and converted 2-of-3 from the line. Finn was also effective from the field, hitting 5-of-6, including 2-of-3 from beyond the arc.

For the game, SSC shot 34-for-61 (.557) from the field, including 8-for-17 (.471) from three-land, and 15-for-19 (.789) from the line. The Vikings held a 39-36 rebounding advantage, with Holmes, and senior forwards Rawleigh Preaster (Randolph) and Jeremy Taitt (Boston) registering five boards each. Holmes also recorded a game-high four blocked shots.

The Falcons (8-4, overall, 1-1 MASCAC), who turned the ball over 23 times and shot just 25-for-66 (.379) from the floor, including only 2-for-11 (.182) from three-point land, were led by sophomore center Tim Graham's (Arlington) team-leading 15 points and senior forward Peter Uzoma's (Boston) 12 points, seven rebounds and four assists. FSC junior forward Brian Torres (North Dartmouth) collected a game-high eight boards.