

Saint Mary's Rolls Over Seton Hall with Balanced Attack

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The Saint Mary's men's basketball team is on a roll in their undefeated streak, and the buzz around town is turning heads nationally. Saint Mary's was able to take their win streak to 6-0 on the season, thanks to their 85-70 win against Seton Hall on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Freshman Patrick Mills continues to take this team to new heights. The point guard is getting everybody involved, and his explosive offense is able to take pressure away from other players, which is giving them open shots. The Gaels found out Saturday night that their star point guard doesn't need to score 37 points every night to win, which was the case in this game, as four players scored in double digits for the Gaels. Mills finished the game with 19 points, six rebounds, and four assists in 39 minutes.

Saint Mary's jumped out to a 13-2 lead to start off the game. However, Seton Hall's Brian Laing did most of his damage against the Gaels in the first half, with 12 points and seven rebounds before the break. Laing went on to record a double-double, finishing with 22 points and 10 rebounds. The Gaels were able to limit Laing in the second half. The Pirates got to within three points of the Gaels, but Saint Mary's pulled away each time,



L-R: Omar Samhan (50), Patrick Mills (13), Diamon Simpson (20)

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ending the first half with a comfortable 44-30 lead.

The Gaels continued their dominance over a talented Seton Hall team in the second half. The Pirates got within nine points at the 15:43 mark, before a Diamon Simpson lay-up took the lead back to double digits. Seton Hall made it a ten point game with 4:06 left in the game, but Mills made a pair of free throws to ice the game.

The addition of the new players for the Gaels has ap-

peared to improve the performance of the veteran players on the team as well. Todd Golden continues to make good things happen for the Gaels with his hustle and three-point shooting. Tron Smith came off the bench and led the Gaels with five assists in only 24 minutes of action. His ability to attack the basket is giving the Gaels a consistent scorer in pressure situations. Lucas Walker continues to make the most of his minutes as well, as he played only 13 minutes, but recorded five

points, five rebounds, and two steals.

Another player who continues to impress is Saint Mary's center Omar Samhan. The Gaels only have one true center, and they need him to play as many minutes as possible. So far, Samhan has been up to the challenge. In this game he set a career high with 16 rebounds. Samhan's determination and fearless rebounding helped secure a big win over Seton Hall, as Saint Mary's looks to keep their streak alive.



Todd Golden

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Tron Smith (23)

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