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California Pacific Conference Basketball Tournament
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MEN'S BASKETBALL: #7 Simpson Stuns #3 CSU Maritime Academy in Second Round

Forward **Daniel Eoff's** 21 points led the #7 Simpson University Red Hawks (8-23/5-11/2-0) to an 84-82 upset over the #3 CSU Maritime Academy Keelhaulers (15-12/10-6/0-1) in the second round of the California Pacific Conference Tournament on Thursday afternoon.

Simpson guards **Alex Nixon, Jason Washington,** and **Derek Sloan** scored 16 points, 14 points, and 11 points respectively.

Sophomore forward **Praise Odo-Boms** scored 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for CSUMA in the loss.

The lead changed hands back and forth in the first half with Simpson jumping out to the early lead remained tight with a **John Stiles** three-point play knotting things at 40 points apiece going into halftime.

The Keelhaulers scored first in the second half but Simpson built the lead to 72-55 by 7:41. CSUMA battled back, thanks in large part to senior guard **Tom Kreta's** game-high 25 points. A **Cody Gatton** lay-up for the Keelhaulers cut it two 84-82 but Simpson held on as CSUMA was unable to score during the final possession.

"They beat us twice this season so a win like that was huge," remarked Simpson head coach **Josh Binderup.** "We brought in some new guys late in the season and we're finally starting to gel as a team."

With the win, the Red Hawks advance to the semi-finals of the Cal Pac Conference Tournament where they will face #2 seed William Jessup University. Tip-off is set for 3:00 p.m.