

Ekirappa sparks UCU

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UCU Canons skipper Zachariah Ekirappa believes their dramatic one-point victory over Sommet BC could reignite their campaign in the National Basketball League.

The Canons edged Sommet 66-65 on Friday at Abja Parks in Naalya, securing just their second win of the season after earlier setbacks against Namuwongo Blazers and UPDF Tomahawks.

"We desperately needed a result like this," Ekirappa noted. "It is about restoring belief. We may not have been at our best throughout, but we stayed resilient and showed we can battle with anyone in this league."

Sommet made the brighter start, racing to a 19-12 first-quarter advantage. UCU gradually found rhythm in the second period, putting up 21 points while restricting their opponents to 10 to overturn the deficit and take a 33-29 halftime lead.

Ekirappa set the tone after the break, amassing 15 points by the close of the third quarter to steer the Mukono-based side 50-46 ahead. Flore Dushime chipped in with 10 points by then, including a pair of three-pointers to stretch the floor.

The closing stages were nervy as Sommet pressed hard, but UCU held firm to seal the narrow triumph.

