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## Statement victory for Men's Basketball to open tournament



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## Game Recap

In their first matchup of the 2024 CCAA Championship, the Hawks faced the Atlantic champions, MSVU. It was a slow start for Humber, as they struggled to find rhythm and were often forced to rely on transition basketball. The Hawks' defense was solid, rejecting every basket attempted. It took a couple of minutes for Humber to settle into the game. The Hawks had serious turnover issues, which led to several easy layups for MSVU. In the second quarter, Humber's offense began to find its groove, with several three-pointers hitting the mark. However, MSVU's defense remained strong, and the Hawks failed to capitalize properly. Humber started taking the game to MSVU, stretching out the floor and using athleticism to get into the paint. In the third quarter, Humber's defense became more aggressive, leading to several steals and fast-break opportunities. The Hawks' offense continued to improve, with several key players contributing. In the fourth quarter, Humber's defense held up, and the team was able to hold off MSVU's final push. The final score was 104-57, with Humber winning by a comfortable margin.

The game opened up in the second quarter. The force field that had hampered the Hawks' offence in the first had disappeared. Fazekas, Jalen Menzies, and Malik Grant acted as a three-headed monster for the Hawks, all contributing offensively. The Hawks and Brown-Fazekas going two-for-two in the half. Humber doubled on MSVU in the quarter, outscoring the Mystics 26-13. The Hawks commanding 45-30 lead.

Malik Grant and Jalen Menzies were the story of the third quarter. After turning this game into a blowout in the second half, the Hawks' defense held up. The team played good basketball, received good looks, and hit some tough shots. The Hawks were bigger, stronger, faster, and more athletic. The Hawks were also cash from three. Humber shot 58 per cent from beyond the arc through three quarters and 42 in the game. Humber would close out the quarter and go into the game's final ten minutes.

The fourth quarter was a complete blowout. MSVU looked defeated, and Humber was rolling, already looking ahead to its next game. The reserves came out blazing. The reserves scored a collective 52 points in this one, exactly half of the teams' total points. Humber fourth quarter en route to a final score of 104-57.

## Humber Highlights

- Humber extends its winning streak to ten.
- After averaging 86 PPG all season, Humber's defence held the Mystics to a season-low 57 points on 27.1 per cent shooting.
- Humber's 47-point victory is its largest win at nationals since defeating St. Thomas by 41 in the 1994 CCAA quarter-final.
- Malik Grant collects his sixth double-double of the season.
- The Hawks improve to 17-6 all-time in the quarter-final and 4-1 against MSVU at nationals.
- Coach Miles improves to 4-0 in the CCAA national tournament.

## What's Next?

Humber will face the winner of the Keyano/Camosun quarter-final on March 14. Tipoff is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. You can catch the game on the Humber College YouTube channel.

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