

Enrique Freeman vs Kent State

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In Person

Offensively, Enrique was much more quiet until late in this game. He still was active and carving out post position all game, but his teammate Ali Ali scored on more post isolation shots. He was still able to work off Davis's and Hornbeek's back shoulder for basket cuts. Freeman brought Rocket Mortgage to their feet when he hit a late three pointer. He contributed late for Akron, sealing the game with late free throws.

Defensively, Freeman faced the most difficult matchup of the tournament guarding both Hornbeek and Davis. He forced Davis to have challenged post catches far from the basket, but didn't keep him off the glass. Freeman impressed defensively with basket rotations blocking shots with his length and lateral quickness.

Overall, the 2024 unanimous MAC MVP played with a motor that really isn't able to be measured. Many coaches mention that Freeman is considered the "unicorn" due to his relentless play style and flamboyant personality. With a championship on the line, Freeman showed great leadership even on negative plays. At the end, the start forward hit his free throws and helped guide Akron to the win.

Stats: 17PTS

9REB

4BLK

5-9FG

1-1 3PT

6-10FT

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