Cougars' Fast Start Not Enough Against Missouri

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COLUMBIA, Mo. – Despite outscoring Missouri 22-16 in the first quarter Tuesday night, SIUE women's basketball was unable to carry the momentum through the final three quarters, ultimately falling to the Tigers 87-56.

The loss drops the Cougars to 5-3 on the season.

SIUE opened the game strong on both ends of the floor, shooting 41.2% in the opening quarter behind nine points from Kiyoko Proctor and eight from Ava Gugliuzza. The Cougars also held Missouri to just 27.8% (5-18) shooting through the first 10 minutes.

However, the Tigers responded by limiting SIUE to just eight points in the second quarter and used a 17-2 run to build a 14-point lead heading into halftime.

Missouri maintained their double-digit advantage through most of the second half and continued to pull away down the stretch.

Proctor led the Cougars with 16 points while adding four rebounds, three assists, and her first block of the season.

Gugliuzza finished as SIUE's second-leading scorer with 14 points on 5-of-7 shooting, including a 4-of-6 night from beyond the arc. She also added five rebounds and two assists.

SIUE will now have over a week to regroup before traveling to Terre Haute, Indiana, to face Indiana State next Wednesday at 10 a.m.