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Dequesha McClanahan led five Winthrop University Eagles players in double figures with a team-high 17 points and became the school's all-time scoring leader as the Eagles opened Big South Conference play with a 79-72 win over High Point on Dec. 14 in the Millis Center.

McClanahan scored her sixth point of the game with 4:23 remaining in the first half to surpass Charles Brunson, who had held the record of 1,850 career points since 1982. McClanahan now has 1,862 points and her 10 assists leaves her six shy of breaking the women's assist record that stands at 595.

“This was like three games in one,” said Winthrop head coach Kevin Cook. “Thank goodness we won the first and third games.”

After trailing 7-2 after the opening three minutes, Winthrop caught fire as it went on a 23-4 run over a five-minute stretch to take a 25-11 lead with just under 11 minutes left in the first half. The run was fueled by inside scoring of Williams and Nunn who were the beneficiaries of five assists from McClanahan.

The Eagles rolled to a 38-19 lead with 4:23 left in the first half after McClanahan scored her record-setting points, but from that point until intermission, Winthrop led twice by as many as 12 points in the final six minutes and hung on for the win.

The Eagles finished the game shooting 44 percent from the field, 77 percent from the free throw line, and outrebounded the Panthers 44-41

Winthrop will face the No. 12 South Carolina on Friday, Dec. 20, in a noon start at the Colonial Life Center in Columbia.