



Cleveland State concludes its seven game road trip tonight when the Vikings travel to Moon Township, Pa. to take on Robert Morris of the Northeast Conference.

The Colonials (7-2) are off to their best start in school history and have won three straight after knocking off host-Duquesne 64-60 on Tuesday. They are 3-0 at home.

"(Robert Morris) maybe the best team we have played so far," CSU head coach Gary Waters said at Tuesday's media gathering. "They remind me of one of my old teams that I had at Kent State. They're tough and gritty and you don't know their names very well, but they take care of business."

Waters also said that the Colonials are a senior-laden team that has NCAA tournament experience (2009, 2010).

The Vikings (8-1) are 5-1 on the current road trip (4-0 road; 1-1 neutral) and have won three in a roll.

Tonight should be a defensive struggle.

RMU leads the NEC in scoring defense, allowing 60.2 points per game. They are 6-0 this season when holding opponents to 60 points or less.

CSU leads the Horizon League in scoring defense (56.2 points), three-point field goal defense (.202), steals (10.2) and turnover margin (+5.6).

Offensively, the Colonials average 68.3 points per game (sixth in NEC) and have three players averaging in double-figures, led by redshirt junior guard Velton Jones at 16.6 points per game.

"They don't take many threes and like to pound it (inside)," said Waters. "They're physical and like to attack the glass."

CSU returns home to face Akron on Saturday.