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The Dayton Flyers defeated the Minnesota Golden Gophers 86-70 to capture the 2011 Old Spice Classic championship.

The Old Spice Classic is Dayton’s 12th in-season tournament championship. Dayton has won three of the last five it has participated in and this is the first since taking the 2008 Chicago Invitational Challenge.

In the program’s history, Dayton had never beaten a Big Ten team by double-figures before beating Minnesota. It was the Flyers’ first win against a Big Ten foe since winning at Illinois during the run to the 2010 NIT title. It was their first regular-season win over the a Big Ten school since knocking off Purdue during the 2001-02 season.

Dayton also improved to 14-5 against BCS programs during the previous five seasons and has won eight of the last nine.

The Flyers knocked off Wake Forest of the Atlantic Coast Conference in their opening-round game of the classic.