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The Dayton Flyers (26-6) will try to beat Duquesne for the third time this season at 9 p.m. March 13 in the semifinals of the Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Championship at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City.

They prevailed over the Richmond Spiders 69-64 to advance in the tourney.

After winning 20 straight home games — just one short of the school record — the Flyers finished the season unbeaten at home for the first time since the UD Arena opened in 1969. The squad's 25 wins are the most recorded in a regular season, and the home contests attracted record attendance.

After a 74-61 coast over Duquesne on Saturday, March 7, the Flyers raced into the stands to shake hands and high-five fans. The Flyers fed off the crowd that showed its appreciation for lone senior Charles Little with standing ovations during a pre-game introduction, an opening dunk and after he left the floor with 10 points.

"We said before the season, (the theme is) 'Our Team, Our Town,' and if there was ever a team that represented the hard-working, blue-collar, tough-minded, grit-it-out type of city that Dayton is, these guys did," Coach Brian Gregory told fans after the win. "We thank you, and now we've got to go out and get some more wins."

The University of Dayton has created a special "Tournament Central" Web site that features eight video clips, including Chris Wright dunk highlights and other Flyer highlights from the season. See www.daytonflyers.com. (url: <http://www.daytonflyers.com>)