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those first couple of games and found out I could play a little bit, it made me feel much better and got me more comfortable in the game."

Smith's emergence came much later.

The younger brother of former UAH stars Joe and Jason Smith, Jaime struggled with his shooting early. It got to the point where he was anxious for the season to be over.

"My confidence was shaky at the beginning of the year," he said. "I missed my first 12 3-pointers of the year. I think I was thinking too much. Joe and Jason told me don't wish away the season ... that I could still do big things this year. I just wanted to get through it, but I stopped worrying about it and started shooting a lot after practice and got my stroke down."

Smith erupted for 32 points on 9-of-12 shooting, including 8-of-11 from beyond the arc in a win at Lambuth on Feb. 10 and hasn't looked back. He has aver-

UAH's next game

Friday vs. Harding in the first round of the GSC tournament in Southaven, Miss.

aged 18.5 points over his last six games after averaging just 7.6 through his first 20 games.

"I just got hot," Smith said. "I feel like I've been a different player since that game. I played well that game and I've played well ever since."

Smith and Campbell hope to continue their hot streaks Friday night when UAH takes on Harding (16-11) in the GSC tournament at the DeSoto Civic Center in Southaven, Miss. Tipoff is 7:30.

"Confidence is a great thing," Acuff said. "Zane got his confidence when Cody went out of the lineup, and he stepped right in and led us in scoring. Jaime has had a good solid year, but he went crazy in the second half against Lambuth and he's been a different player ever since."

"We're real high on both of those guys. They're very good players and their upside is pretty good."