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The current leaders of the local tournament dominated the first three quarters of the game by 31-20, 23-15 and 30-18, and only conceded in the final segment 14-19, after leading by 31 points.

American Elijah Jarrod Stewart, with 23 points, nine rebounds and a rating of 31, led the offense of the winners, seconded by fellow American Dustin Vidal Morgan and Bosnian-Herzegovinian Andrija Stipanoovic, who scored 15 and 14 points, respectively.

In the match, held in Focsani, capital of the Romanian province of Vrancea, the Havana native Guzman was only in the game for 5 minutes and 27 seconds, but he left with nine points. The left-handed player of the Cuban national team made a pair of baskets out of a possible two in field goals, went 1-1 in three-pointers and 4-2 in free throws.

With the victory in the 12th round of the league, Napoca continues to lead the league with 12-0, seconded by Voluntari and Oradea, with 10-1, and Arges Pitesti, with 9-3.

On matchday 13, the disciples of Mihai Silvasan, the club's manager, will host Baschet Petrolul Ploiesti, a team in tenth place in the standings with a negative balance of 5-8.

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