

2008 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Greensboro Coliseum • Greensboro, NC

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

REGIONAL FINAL GAME

Final Score: #1 Connecticut 66, #2 Rutgers 56

Tournament Notes:

- UConn freshman Maya Moore had a career-high five steals and was named the Greensboro Regional's Most Outstanding Player.
- Rutgers Matee Ajavon led all scorers with 18 points, but had a game high eight turnovers.
- Rutgers junior Kia Vaughn scored 11 points to hit 1,001 career points for her career.
- UConn sophomore Kaili McLaren scored her NCAA tournament high of 10 points.
- Rutgers senior Essence Carson scored 12 points in the first half but was held scoreless in the second half. Carson grabbed a season high 12 rebounds.
- UConn scored its fewest first half points this season at 27, but it closed the first half on a 12-3 run and opened the second half with a 7-2 run to tie the game, 34-34.
- UConn was 19-for-21 from the free throw line while Rutgers was 3-for-5.
- UConn snapped Rutgers' streak of shooting better than 50.0 percent from the field as the Scarlet Knights shot only 41.1 percent.
- Rutgers has limited 62 straight opponents to fewer than 80 points.
- UConn has the third longest streak at 20 consecutive appearances in the NCAA Tournament.
- UConn improved its all-time NCAA tournament record to 65-14 while Rutgers fell to 32-19 all-time in the NCAA Tournament
- UConn has won 15 consecutive games and 36 games overall this season.
- UConn is 9-5 and Rutgers is 2-5 all-time in NCAA Tournament regional finals.
- UConn's nine Final Four appearances ties Louisiana Tech for second all-time behind only Tennessee (10). In addition, the 65th win ties Louisiana Tech, behind only Tennessee (101).
- Rutgers and UConn played for the first time in an NCAA Tournament game.
- Rutgers is the only team to defeat UConn this season, with a final score of 73-71 at home on Feb. 5, 2008.
- With tonight's win over Rutgers, UConn's Geno Auriemma ties Dean Smith for the third most wins in the NCAA Tournament (men's and women's).