

2009 Conference USA Men's Basketball Championship



Postgame Notes Thursday, March 12, 2009

No. 1 MEMPHIS 51, No. 8 TULANE 41

General Notes

- Memphis improves to 29-3 overall on the season and advances to face the winner of the No. 4 UTEP/No. 5 Houston game at 3:00 p.m. CST Friday in the semifinals. No. 2 Tulsa will face No. 3 UAB at 5:30 p.m. CST Friday in the second semifinal contest. Both games will be televised by CBS College Sports.
- Tonight's game was the 49th contest between the two teams. Memphis leads the series 40-9 and has won its last 17 games against the Green Wave and the last 14 games played in Memphis.
- Memphis is 4-0 against Tulane in the C-USA Tournament.
- Memphis has now won 23 games in a row, the longest active win streak in the country.
- Memphis also has won 59 straight games against Conference USA opponents, tying them with West Virginia (Southern Conference 1955-60) for the second-longest such streak in NCAA Division I history. (*Kentucky, 64, 1945-50*).
- Tonight's win gave Memphis its 105th win in the last three seasons, making them the winningest program during any three-year period in NCAA Division I history. (*Kentucky, 104, 1994-96*).
- Tulane's 41 points was the lowest total by any one team in C-USA Tournament history (*43 STL vs. CIN – 3/6/97*)
- The teams' 92 combined points set a new C-USA Tournament record for the fewest points scored by two teams (*TLN 48, MAR 47 – 3/12/08*)

Memphis Notes

- Memphis is now 17-10 all-time in the C-USA Tournament.
- The Tigers have won their last 10 C-USA Tournament games, all by at least 10 points.
- In the current 10-game C-USA Tournament winning streak, the Tigers have held all but one opponent under 60 points.
- Memphis improved to 5-1 on the season when scoring under 60 points and 6-2 when having two players in double figures.
- Memphis has held its opponents to under 40 percent shooting nine times in the last 10 games.
- Memphis broke the game open with an 18-0 run in the second half that began at the 15:20 mark and continued until the 3:05 mark.
- **Tyreke Evens** began the run for Memphis by scoring the first 12 points (his first 12 points of the game). Evens finished with 16 points, five rebounds and four assists.
- Evens has scored in double figures in all but three games for the Tigers this season.
- **Shawn Taggart** finished the game with 19 points and nine rebounds. He has scored in double figures in five of his last seven games. Taggart had 15 points in the first half.
- **Robert Dozier** led the Tigers with 10 rebounds, his eighth double-digit rebounding effort of the season.
- Memphis' 51 points scored was its lowest output of the season.
- Memphis head coach **John Calipari** improves to 15-0 all-time against Tulane and is 9-0 in games played in Memphis.
- Memphis held a 28-18 advantage in points in the paint.

Tulane Notes

- Tulane ends its season at 14-17 overall.
- Tulane is now 6-14 all-time in the C-USA Tournament and 4-7 at the FedExForum. The Green Wave is 4-4 all-time in C-USA Tournament games at the FedExForum.
- The Green Wave scored 17 points in the second half, its lowest output in any half this season.
- Tulane's 41 points scored was the team's second-lowest output this season.
- The Green Wave made just 14 field goals, tying for the second-fewest in C-USA Tournament history.
- **Robinson Louisme** led the Green Wave with 10 points and eight rebounds. It was his 18th season double-digit scoring performance and the 41st game of his career.
- **Kevin Sims** tied for the team lead with two assists. Sims is just the third player to lead Tulane in assists over the course of a three year period.
- Tulane's bench outscored Memphis' bench 12-5.