



2009 General Shale Brick Atlantic Sun Basketball Championship

Semifinals ~ Friday, March 6, 2009 ~ Allen Arena ~ Lipscomb University ~ Nashville, Tenn.



WBB- No. 1 ETSU Lady Buccaneers vs No. 4 Mercer Bears ~ Noon



Series Record
Tournament Series
Lady Bucs Notes

ETSU leads 7-6
Tied 1-1

No. 1 vs No. 4
Season Results 12/5 (at Mer 77, ETSU 61), 2/28 (Mer 90, at ETSU 79)
No. 1 leads 12-3

- * Atlantic Sun Player of the Year Siarre Evans is the only player in the league averaging a double-double with 16.7 points and 10.3 rebounds per game, tops in the conference in both categories.
- * ETSU is trying to become the first team to successfully defend its title since Georgia State went back-to-back in 2002 and 2003.
- * ETSU is the top-scoring team in the tournament field, averaging 71.3 points per game.

Bears Notes

- * Mercer is into the semifinal round for only the third time in the last 15 years and the first time since 2006.
- * After falling behind 10-0 in the opening round win against Stetson, Kourtney Carter and Courtney Ford came off the bench to lead the Bears with 16 and 14 points, respectively.
- * A win against the Lady Bucs would send the Bears to the championship round for just the third time in school history and the first time since 1993.

ETSU Quick Hits	Mercer Hits
Championship Appearances..... 3	Championship Appearances..... 22
Record..... 5-2	Record..... 8-22
Last Appearance 2008 - Champions	Last Appearance 2008 - Quarterfinals
Highest Seed No. 1 - 2008	Highest Seed No. 1 - 1991
Best Finish Champions, 2008	Best Finish 1993 - Runner-Up
No. 1 Seed All-Time 42-9	No. 4 Seed All-Time..... 20-22
No. 1 Seed Championships 14	No. 4 Seed Championships One
Last No. 1 Championship 2008 - ETSU	Last No. 4 Championship 1989 - Georgia Southern
Last No. 1 win vs No. 4 2006, Gardner-Webb 72, Belmont 60	Last No. 4 win vs No. 1 1991 - FAMU 85, Mercer 74
Largest Tourn Margin - Win 20 - 2008, ETSU 84, Lip 64	Largest Tourn Margin - Win 31 - 2001; Mer 81, FAU 50
Largest Tourn Margin - Loss 12 - 2007, Bel 69, ETSU 57	Largest Tourn Margin - Loss 25 - Twice; 1987 and 1993



WBB - No. 2 Jacksonville Dolphins vs No. 3 Belmont Bruins ~ 2:30 p.m.



Series Record
Tournament Series
Dolphins Notes

Belmont leads 14-1
First Meeting

No. 2 vs No. 3
Season Results 12/4 (Bel 51, at JU 45), 2/28 (at Bel 45, JU 43)
Tied 8-8

- * Jacksonville is into the semifinals for the third consecutive season.
- * Seniors Virginia Gregoire and DaVina Hamilton lead the Dolphins in scoring, averaging 10.1 and 10 points per game, respectively.
- * Gregoire ranks second on the all-time scoring list at Jacksonville.
- * The Dolphins lead the Atlantic Sun in scoring defense, allowing just 57.5 points per game, and are second in field goal percentage defense permitting opponents a 38.1 shooting percentage.

Bruins Notes

- * Belmont is in the semifinal round for the fourth time in school history and the first time since winning the tournament in 2007.
- * Senior All-Conference performer Jessica Bobbitt leads the A-Sun in blocks, averaging 2.5 rejections a contest.
- * The Bruins lead the Atlantic Sun in field goal percentage defense, allowing opponents to shoot just over 35 pct. from the floor, and are second in scoring defense, limiting opponents to 60 points per game.

Jacksonville Quick Hits	Belmont Quick Hits
Championship Appearances..... Six	Championship Appearances..... 7
Record..... 4-5	Record..... 6-6
Last Appearance 2008 - Finals	Last Appearance 2008 - Semifinals
Highest Seed No. 2 - Three Times	Highest Seed No. 1 - Three Times
Best Finish 2008 - Finals	Best Finish Champions, 2007
No. 2 Seed All-Time..... 37-17	No. 3 Seed All-Time..... 23-21
No. 2 Seed Championships Six	No. 3 Seed Championships..... N/A
Last No. 2 Championship..... 2006 - FAU	Last No. 3 Championship..... N/A
Last No. 2 win vs No. 3 2008 - No. 2 JU 68, No. 3 GWU 47	Last No. 3 win vs No. 2 2007 - ETSU 78, Jacksonville 72
Largest Tourn Margin - Win 21 - 2008, JU 68, GWU 47	Largest Tourn Margin - Win 14 - 2006, Bel 63, Stet 49
Largest Tourn Margin - Loss 13 - 2006, FAU 74, JU 61	Largest Tourn Margin - Loss 14 - 2005, Stet 68, Bel 54



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MBB - No. 2 ETSU Buccaneers vs No. 3 Belmont Bruins ~ 6:00 p.m.



Series Record
Tournament Series

Belmont leads 8-7
Belmont leads 2-0

No. 2 vs No. 3
Season Results

Series tied 7-7
1/19 (at ETSU 87, Bel 57), 2/14 (at Bel 76, ETSU 73)

Buccaneers Notes

- * Kevin Tiggs: Leads A-Sun in scoring; Only four times in 30 years has the A-Sun scoring champ led his team to the A-Sun Championship (last: Shernard Long, Georgia State in 2000-01)
- * Courtney Pigram: 1987 points, 2nd in A-Sun history. With 13, will be second 2000 point scorer in league history (Centenary's Willie Jackson)
- * Never beaten Belmont twice in a season since joining the A-Sun in 2005
- * Since 1980, only one team has eliminated ETSU from conference tournament play in three straight seasons (Chattanooga, 1982-84 when ETSU was part of the Southern Conference)

Bruins Notes

- * Alex Renfro: 2nd Belmont player named A-Sun Player of the Year (Adam Sonn in 2002-03)
- * Bruins are 10-0 in A-Sun Championship play against current members
- * One of six schools to have won its conference's automatic bid each of the last three seasons (Kansas, Memphis, Davidson, Winthrop, Oral Roberts)
- * Andy Wicke: 295 3-pt FG - needs five to be 3rd A-Sun player with 300; would become 13th active player to reach that mark
- * Defeated ETSU in 2007 Championship Game and in 2008 Semifinals

ETSU Quick Hits

Championship Appearances.....	Four
Record.....	4-3
Last Appearance.....	2008 - Semifinals
Highest Seed.....	No. 1 - 2007
Best Finish.....	2007 - Runner-up
No. 2 Seed All-Time.....	48-24
No. 2 Seed Championships.....	Six
Last No. 2 Championship.....	2007 - Belmont
Last No. 2 win vs No. 3.....	2005 - No. 2 UCF 66, No. 3 Bel 61
Largest Tourn Margin - Win.....	16 - 2007, ETSU 77, Stet 61
Largest Tourn Margin - Loss.....	27 - 2007, Bel 94, ETSU 67

BEL Quick Hits

Championship Appearances.....	Eight
Record.....	12-4
Last Appearance.....	Champion - 2008
Highest Seed.....	No. 1 - 2008
Best Finish.....	Champion - 2006, 2007, 2008
No. 3 Seed All-Time.....	40-21
No. 3 Seed Championships.....	Eight
Last No. 3 Championship.....	2003, Troy
Last No. 3 win vs No. 2.....	2000 - No. 3 Sam 83, No. 2 GSU 80
Largest Tourn Margin - Win.....	27 - 2007; Bel 94, ETSU 67
Largest Tourn Margin - Loss.....	18 - 2003; GSU 76, Bel 58



MBB - No. 1 Jacksonville Dolphins vs No. 4 Lipscomb Bisons ~ 8:30 p.m.



Series Record
Tournament Series

Jacksonville leads 7-6
Jacksonville leads 1-0

No. 1 vs No. 4
Season Results

No. 1 leads 9-3
12/6 (at JU 83, Lip 67), 2/26 (at Lip 92, JU 82)

Dolphins Notes

- * Clinched regular-season conference title in school history
- * Ben Smith: in five games vs Lipscomb, scoring has increased from 8 pts to 11, to 18 (2x) to 19 in last contest.
- * Lost last five vs Lipscomb in Allen Arena
- * The top seed has advanced to the title game in each of the last five years
- * Only twice in A-Sun history as a team finished runner-up one year and won the championship the next (UALR in 1985 and UCF in 2003)
- * Jacksonville defeated Lipscomb in the 2005 quarterfinals

Bisons Notes

- * Last No. 4 seed to advance to Championship game: Georgia Southern in 1987; No fourth seed has won two games in a Championship since 1987
- * Shot 53.7 FG Pct, 50.0 3-pt FG Pct in two games vs Jacksonville
- * No host has won MBB Championships since Georgia State in 2001
- * Only two schools in the last 15 years won the A-Sun Championship entering the event with a longer win streak than Lipscomb's eight (College of Charleston, 19 in 1996-97, Belmont's 10 in 2007-08)
- * During 9-game win streak, shooting 51.2 percent from the floor and averaging 82.4 PPG. Seven of nine wins are by double digits.

JU Quick Hits

Championship Appearances.....	9
Record.....	3-9
Last Appearance.....	Runner-up - 2006
Highest Seed.....	No. 1, 2009
Best Finish.....	Runner-up - 2006
No. 1 Seed All-Time.....	52-20
No. 1 Seed Championships.....	11
Last No. 1 Championship.....	2008 - Belmont
Last No. 1 win vs No. 4.....	2008 - No. 1 Belmont 69, No. 4 ETSU 65
Largest Tourn Margin - Win.....	9 - 2008; JU 89, GWU 80
Largest Tourn Margin - Loss.....	20 - 1999; GSU 78, JU 58

LIP Quick Hits

Championship Appearances.....	Five
Record.....	4-4
Last Appearance.....	Quarterfinals, 2008
Highest Seed.....	No. 1, 2006
Best Finish.....	Runner-up - 2006
No. 4 Seed All-Time.....	19-29
No. 4 Seed Championships.....	One
Last No. 4 Championship.....	1987 - Georgia Southern
Last No. 4 win vs No. 1.....	1987 - No.4 Georgia Southern 70, No. 1 UALR 62
Largest Tourn Margin - Win.....	36 - 2007; Lip 85, Mer 49
Largest Tourn Margin - Loss.....	7 - 2008; ETSU 81, Lip 74