

**2009 General Shale Brick  
Atlantic Sun Men's Basketball Championship  
Allen Arena: March 6, 2009**



**Game Notes: No. 2 ETSU 88, No. 3 Belmont 74**

**ETSU**

- \* With 30 points Courtney Pigram increased his career total to 2017. Tonight he passed Buccaneer legend Mister Jennings (1988 points from 1988-1991) for third on the school scoring list. He joined Centenary's Willie Jackson as the only two members of the Atlantic Sun's 2000-point club.
- \* Tiggs, Pigram and Smith scored 22 of the Bucs' first 24 points. They combined for 70 points. On the season they have averaged scoring 54.2 of ETSU's conference-leading 78.1 points per game.
- \* ETSU defeats Belmont twice in a season for the first time since joining the A-Sun in 2005
- \* ETSU avoided being eliminated by Belmont for the third-straight A-Sun Championship. 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)
- \* Tiggs, the A-Sun's leading scoring has accumulated 57 points in the first two games. The 3-game record is held by Willie Jackson, 87 points in the 1982 Championship. He will attempt to become just the fifth scoring champ to lead his team to the A-Sun Championship (last: Shernard Long, Georgia State in 2000-01)

**BELMONT**

- \* Belmont loses for the first time in 11 A-Sun Championship games to one of the league's current members. Its previous four losses have come against schools that have since left the conference.
- \* The Bruins suffer their first loss in the A-Sun Championship since losing to UCF in the semifinals in 2005.
- \* Player of the Year Alex Renfroe was held to 9 points on 2-for-10 shooting, but did contribute 9 rebounds and 10 assists, the first game in his last 16 that he did not reach double figures. In those 15 games, he had averaged 19.7 PPG and shot 58.4 percent from the floor.

**A-SUN CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES**

- \* The Bucs make their second A-Sun Championship title game. In its previous appearance, Belmont defeated ETSU, 94-67 in Johnson City, Tenn. All-time, the Buccaneers own a 6-3 record in title games, last winning back-to-back SoCon titles in 2003 and 2004.