



No. 7 ECU 85, No. 10 SMU 74

Game 2 – First Round, March 3, 2018, Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.

East Carolina Postgame Notes

ECU avenged a 60-54 loss to SMU in the first round of The American Women's Basketball Championship last year at Mohegan Sun Arena. The Pirates finished 2-1 against SMU this season, and advance to face second-seeded USF.

Junior forward Salita Greene led the Pirates with a career-high 18 points and also had nine rebounds. It was the second time this season she has led the team in scoring.

Freshman guard Lashonda Monk had 17 points, her eighth double-figure scoring game of the season.

Freshman Ariyana Williams had 16 points with four made threes. She leads the Pirates in scoring (9.0 ppg), and has a team-high 14 double-figure scoring games. She now has a team-high 51 made threes. That is No. 2 among freshmen in The American, behind Temple's Emani Mayo, who has 53.

ECU had just 15 turnovers, its third lowest total of the season.

The Pirates had a season-high 24 made free throws.

The Pirates reached 80 points for the fourth time this season with its second-highest scoring total of the season. ECU had 103 against Savannah State on December 20th.

SMU Postgame Notes

SMU lost in the first round of The American at Mohegan Sun Arena for the first time since 2015. The Mustangs reached the quarterfinals in 2016 and 2017.

Senior guard McKenzie Adams led the Mustangs with 25 points, reaching double figures for the seventh straight game and the 25th time in 30 games this season. It was also her 11th 20-point game of the season. She averaged a team-high 16.6 points during the regular season.

Adams finishes the season with 507 points. That is the fourth-highest single-season total in program history. She is just the fifth player at SMU to reach 500 points in a season.

Freshman guard Ariana Whitfield had a career-high 22 points in the loss. It was the ninth double-figure scoring game of the year for Whitfield, who averaged 7.4 points per game this season.

SMU had two players score 20 points in the same game for the first time since a 63-60 win over Loyola Marymount on December 20th.

The Mustangs had nine blocked shots today, tying the season-high it had against Temple on January 31st.

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