



**Saturday, March 10, 2012 – Semifinals - Game 9  
#4 St. Bonaventure 84, #8 Massachusetts 80**

**ST. BONAVENTURE NOTES (19-11)**

- > St. Bonaventure advances to the Atlantic 10 Championship finals for the third time, the first since 2000 (a 65-44 loss to Temple)
- > St. Bonaventure is the third fourth-seed to advance to the finals of the Atlantic 10 Championship since the conference changed the format in 2005-06 (Temple in 2009 and Rhode Island in 2007 – both went on to win the title)
- > St. Bonaventure is now 15-28 in 29 appearances at the Atlantic 10 Championship, 4-3 under head coach Mark Schmidt
- > The Bonnies are now 3-2 all-time in Atlantic 10 Championships semifinal games, winning their last three
- > St. Bonaventure is shooting 52.4% (55-105) in the 2011 Atlantic 10 Championship, the ninth best shooting percentage for a team in a championship tournament
- > The 19 wins are the most for a Bonnies team since the 1999-2000 team went 21-10
- > St. Bonaventure is 16-3 when shooting more free throws than its opponent in 2011-12
- > Andrew Nicholson, the 2011-12 Atlantic 10 Player of the Year, scored 19 points, his tenth straight double figure scoring game
- > Andrew Nicholson shot 5-for-7 from the field to bring his season shooting percentage to 57.7% (205-355) and his career percentage to 57.7% (794-1377), both school records
- > Andrew Nicholson blocked four shots to bring his season total to 89, the second best single season total in school history (Caswell Cyrus has the record with 99 in 1997-98)
- > Demetrius Conger dished out a career-high eight assists (previous high was six which he accomplished three times). The eight assists is the second most for a Bonnies player at a Atlantic 10 Championship game
- > Demetrius Conger collected his eighth career double-double (fourth of the season) with 22 points and ten rebounds

## **MASSACHUSETTS NOTES (22-11)**

- > Massachusetts is now 32-31 in 36 appearances at the Atlantic 10 Championship, 3-4 under head coach Derek Kellogg (Kellogg never lost an Atlantic10 Championship game as a player at UMass from 1992-95). The 32 wins are the third most all-time behind Temple (53) and Saint Joseph's (33)
- > The 36 appearances ties UMass with George Washington for the most by an active A-10 school
- > UMass is now 7-3 all-time in the semifinals of the Atlantic 10 Championship
- > Massachusetts' three-game scoring average of 83.0 ppg at the 2012 Atlantic 10 championship is seventh best all-time while the 249 points scored by the Minutemen is the tenth best total in championship history
- > The Minutemen are now 5-9 all-time when playing at the A-10 Championship as the eighth seed
- > UMass lost for just the second time in 15 games this when netting 80 points (the other was a 90-88 overtime loss to Temple)
- > Chaz Williams recorded five assists to bring his season total to 212, a new record for an Atlantic 10 sophomore (former record was 203 by Tyson Wheeler of URI in 1995-96)
- > Chaz Williams recorded his fourth straight (and fifth in six career games) double figure scoring total in the postseason with 12 points.
- > Jesse Morgan more than doubled his career postseason point total with 21 points (he entered the game with 14 postseason points in two games over the past two years)
- > Terrell Vinson netted 20 points, his career-high in a postseason game (previous high was eleven in the first round win over Duquesne)

## **A-10 CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES**

- > St. Bonaventure and Massachusetts met for the fourth time at the Atlantic 10 Championships, with the Bonnies snapping a three-game Minutemen winning streak with the win today
- > The number four seed is now 3-0 in the semifinals of the Atlantic 10 Championship since the conference changed the format in 2005-06
- > UMass is the first eighth seed to advance to the semifinals of the Atlantic 10 Championship since the conference changed the format in 2005-06
- > Massachusetts' three-game scoring average of 83.0 ppg at the 2012 Atlantic 10 championship is seventh best all-time while the 249 points scored by the Minutemen is the tenth best total in championship history
- > St. Bonaventure will now face the winner of the #2 Saint Louis/#3 Xavier game in the 2012 Atlantic 10 championship game on Sunday at 1:00 PM