



**Friday, March 9, 2012 – Quarterfinals - Game 1  
#8 Massachusetts 77, #1 Temple 71**

**MASSACHUSETTS NOTES (22-10)**

- > UMass advances to Atlantic 10 Championship semifinals for first time since 2001
- > Massachusetts is now 32-30 in 36 appearances at the Atlantic 10 Championship, 3-3 under head coach Derek Kellogg (Kellogg never lost an Atlantic10 Championship game as a player at UMass from 1992-95)
- > The 36 appearances ties UMass with George Washington for the most by an active A-10 school
- > UMass is now 10-17 all-time in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 Championship
- > Massachusetts snapped an eight-game losing streak in Boardwalk Hall dating back to 2007
- > Massachusetts entered the game leading the Atlantic 10 and ranking 12<sup>th</sup> nationally in rebounding at 39.5/game but grabbed only 30 boards, three shy of the Minutemen's season-low
- > The Minutemen are now 5-8 all-time when playing at the A-10 Championship as the eighth seed
- > Massachusetts recorded 14 steals, the fourth best single season total in Atlantic 10 Championship history (the record is 17)
- > Chaz Williams entered the game leading the A-10, and ranking tenth in the NCAA, in assists (6.4 apg). He recorded his fifth 10-plus assist game of the year with ten helpers
- > Chaz Williams' ten assists bring his season total to 207, a new record for an Atlantic 10 sophomore (former record was 203 by Tyson Wheeler of URI in 1995-96)
- > Chaz Williams recorded his third straight (and fourth in five career games) double figure scoring total in the postseason with 20 points. He now has 41 points in two postseason games this year
- > 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)

### #21/24 TEMPLE NOTES (24-7)

- > Temple is now 53-21 all-time in 30 appearances at the Atlantic 10 Championship (the 53 wins and 74 games played are the most for any Atlantic 10 team). The Owls have made the championship every year since joining the conference in 1981-82.
- > Temple is now 10-3 all-time in Atlantic 10 Championships games at Boardwalk Hall, dropping the last two
- > Head coach Fran Dunphy brought his all-time Atlantic 10 Championship record to 10-3 for a .769 winning percentage, the fourth best among all coaches in Atlantic 10 Championship history with at least three appearances (Thad Matta (8-1, .889) is the leader)
- > Temple is now 12-5 this year in road/neutral site games, the most road/neutral site wins in the A-10
- > Temple had a streak of six straight Atlantic 10 Quarterfinal games wins snapped and is 26-3 all-time in the quarterfinals
- > Temple had a streak of four straight Atlantic 10 Championships semifinal appearances broken
- > Temple has made at least one three-pointer in 536 consecutive games
- > The Owls lost for only the second time in 20 games when leading at the half
- > Temple is now 13-3 on the year when four players score in double figures and 20-4 when the Owls score over 70 points
- > Michael Eric notched his ninth double figure rebounding total of the year with 11
- > Kahlif Wyatt recorded his 18<sup>th</sup> straight double figure scoring game

### A-10 CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

- > Temple and Massachusetts met for the ninth time at the Atlantic 10 Championships and the Minutemen now lead the series, 5-4. The last meeting between the two schools prior to today was in the 2001 title game, won by Temple, 76-65
- > The game featured the team with the most Atlantic 10 titles (Temple with nine) and the team with the second most (UMass with five)
- > The number one seed is now 4-3 in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 Championship since the conference changed the format in 2005-06
- > The number eight seed is now 1-3 in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 Championship since the conference changed the format in 2005-06. No eighth seed had ever advanced to the semifinals under the new format before today
- > The last eighth seed to move on to the semifinals was Saint Joseph's in 1991
- > The two teams combined for 24 steals (14 from UMass and 10 from Temple), just three shy of the Atlantic 10 Championship record set by Saint Joseph's and Rhode Island in the first round of the 1991 championship