



**No. 7 Memphis 71, No. 10 SMU 59
Game 2 – First Round, March 6, 2015
Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.**

Memphis Postgame Notes

Memphis avoided a repeat of last year, when as the seventh seed, it was upset by 10th-seeded Houston in the first round of the American Athletic Conference championship at Mohegan Sun Arena.

Memphis beat SMU for the first time since 2012, when it advanced to the semifinals of the Conference USA Tournament with a 77-67 victory at Elma Roane Fieldhouse.

Just over one minute into the game, Memphis reeled off 16 unanswered points in a span of five minutes, 24 seconds to take early control. During that stretch, Ariel Hearn had 10 points with two made threes, and also collected four steals and an assist. SMU never got closer than 10 until a late run pulled the Mustangs within 62-55 with 3:33 remaining.

Ariel Hearn began the night needing 21 points to move past Vera Webb (1,473 career points from 1982-86) into 13th all-time in program scoring. She finished with 25, posting her 25th double-figure scoring game of the year, and her eighth game with 20 or more points. Her career-high was 30 points against USF on January 31st. Hearn needs 22 points to become the 13th player in program history to reach 1,500.

Hearn also became just the third player in program history to record three straight 100-assist seasons. She needed four to reach 100 and collected exactly that. Only Nicole Murry and Yolanda Reed had accomplished that feat before Friday night.

Junior forward Brianna Wright finished with 10 points and 13 rebounds. It was her sixth double-double, her ninth double-figure scoring game and her 10th game with double-figure rebounds.

Redshirt sophomore guard Mooriah Rowser tied a career-high with five steals. She had five steals against Houston on February 11th.

Memphis shot 21 of 64 (.328) from the field in a 60-53 loss to visiting SMU just four days ago. They hit on 26 of 53 (.491) shots from the field Friday night. It was the Tigers' third-highest shooting percentage of the season.

SMU Postgame Notes

SMU senior guard Raven Short had career highs with 17 points and five made threes. It was just third double-figure scoring game of the season for Short. Ironically, it was against Memphis that Short posted her career-high (16 points on February 9, 2012).

Freshman forward Alicia Froling had 10 points and eight rebounds. She recorded her 20th double-figure scoring game, and narrowly missed her sixth double-double of the season. Froling set a freshman program record with 54 blocks this season, but did not have one against Memphis.

For the first time this season, SMU did not record a block in a game. The Mustangs set a single-season program record with 160 blocks, 18 more than the previous mark, and ranked 20th in the nation with an average of 5.5 blocks per game.

Freshman forward Destynnee Hives-McCray had 12 points, nine rebounds and three assists. She posted her 15th double-figure scoring game of the season, and narrowly missed her seventh double-double.

Sophomore guard Morgan Bolton had a career-high six steals, topping her previous best of three against EWU on November 22, 2014.

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