



Towson 83, ETSU 77

Second Round: Friday March 21, 2014

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. – Sophomore Four McGlynn made a career-high tying six three-pointers and tallied a season-high 23 points to lead the Towson men's basketball team past East Tennessee State, 83-77, in the second round of the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament on Friday night.

Towson (25-10) has won 25 games for just the third time in school history and will advance to play in the quarterfinals of the CIT next week.

McGlynn shot 6-for-7 from the field, all three-pointers, and made five of six from the free throw line. He's scored 20 or more points in two of his last four games and was just one point shy of tying his career high in scoring.

Senior Jerrelle Benimon scored 12 points on 5-for-9 shooting while grabbing eight rebounds and dishing out a game-high six assists. He was joined in double figures by classmates Mike Burwell (13) and Rafriel Guthrie (12).

Towson shot 50.9 percent from the field and made eight of 15 from beyond the arc. The Tigers improved to 9-2 on the year when shooting 50% or better.

East Tennessee State (19-16) started the game hot, making 8 of its first 14 shots to go up 18-6 at the 14:34 mark. Trailing 22-11, Towson roared back by scoring 13 straight points during a 19-3 run that put the Tigers up 30-25 with 6:46 remaining in the first half.

After trailing by as many as 12 in the first half, a Marcus Damas steal and layup at the buzzer gave Towson a 40-34 lead at the intermission. The Tigers ended the period on a 29-12 run with McGlynn hitting three of his six three's during the spurt.

A Damas jumper early in the second half gave Towson its first double-figure lead of the game at 48-38. After the Bucs cut the Tiger advantage to 49-45, Towson scored 16 of the next 21 points to go up by 15, TU's largest lead of the game. McGlynn hit a pair of three-pointers during the run, including one to cap the spurt and give the Tigers a 65-50 lead midway through the second half.

Towson struggled from the free throw line late to allow East Tennessee State to get to within 77-72 with 42 seconds remaining. However, McGlynn and Damas combined to go 6-for-6 from the free throw line down the stretch to clinch the Tigers second straight postseason win.

Sophomore Timajh Parker-Rivera recorded seven points, grabbed a team-high nine rebounds and swatted a career-high five shots. As a team, Towson blocked 10 shots, its second most of the season. Freshman John Davis had four point and eight rebounds in just 12 minutes of action.