



Jackson State Picks up first Postseason win since 1993

Tigers get first postseason win since 1993 when Lindsey Hunter and JSU beat Connecticut 90-88 in OT in the first round of the Postseason NIT

HUNTSVILLE, Texas – Paris Collins and Chace Franklin combined to score 49 points in Jackson State’s 81-77 overtime victory over the Sam Houston State Bearkats Monday night in the opening round of the College Insider Postseason Tournament.

With JSU leading by three points, Kaven Bernard blocked a SHS game-tying three on one end and made a FT with a second left on the clock to put the Tigers up by four points, preserving the win for JSU.

JSU (20-15) earned its first postseason victory under head coach Wayne Brent, as well as the program’s first 20-win season since 2007. **JSU last won a postseason game in 1993 when Lindsey Hunter led the Tigers to a 90-88 overtime victory over Connecticut.** JSU has four 20-win seasons as a NCAA Division I member and 22 overall.

Collins led all scorers with 25 points on 9-17 shooting and 5-10 from three-point range. He also pulled down six rebounds. Franklin followed with 24 points on 7-14 shooting from the field. He also went 4-7 in threes. Yettra Specks and Raeford Worsham each scored 11 points. Specks dished out a team high seven assists.

Jamal Williams led SHS with 20 points.

After trailing by four points with 14:58 in the first half, JSU closed the opening stanza with a 29-9 run to lead the Bearkats 48-31 by halftime. The Tigers increased their lead to 21 points (56-35) by the 17:16 mark in the second half. The Bearkats went on a run of their own, chipping JSU’s lead down to five points by the 2:43 mark in the second half. SHS’s Williams scored four points, two layups, over the last 1:13 of regulation to send the game to overtime with a 71-71 tie.

JSU scored the first four points in overtime, all free throws by Bernard and Collins, to give the Tigers a 75-71 advantage. The Bearkats briefly led by two points when Josh Delaney made a three, but the lead would not last very long. JSU reclaimed the advantage on a Franklin three with 47 seconds left in the game. With 15 seconds left in the game Franklin drained a pair of free throws and Bernard scored the final point of the game, via free throw, with one second left.

JSU returns to action March 17 at Grand Canyon (26-5) for the second round of the CIT.