

WOS WORKSHOP

Seton Hall v Monmouth Basketball

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On Saturday, November 30th, a group of Write on Sports students participated in a workshop at the Prudential Center focused on the Division 1 Men's College Basketball game between Seton Hall University and Monmouth University. Students began the day by meeting with Seton Hall broadcasters Dave Popkin and Gary Cohen (who is also a broadcaster for the New York Mets). The two guests shared valuable insights about their craft and tips for the students. The students then headed to their seats to watch the game. During the game, students recorded observations and notes about the players, teams and overall atmosphere. After the game, the students wrote stories reporting on the experience and offering their analysis. You can read the students' stories below.

Flag Man Sets Record

By Brandon Bellefantier

It's almost the end of the game and the crowd is losing energy and is nervous. Then during a timeout, the crowd gets up to their feet and sees the Flag Man. For those who do not know, Flag Man is a guy that runs around the court carrying a humongous flag. His current record is 12 around the court and before the end of the timeout he broke his previous record of 10 laps around the court. As the Flag Man was walking around the court the crowd's cheering got louder and louder as he got closer to the number. Today the magnificent Flag Man broke his previous record of 10 laps around the court. Even though it was a disappointing day for Seton Hall fans the crowd still had another amazing performance to cheer for.

Seton Hall basketball loses to 0-8 Monmouth in embarrassing fashion

By Matthew Costello

On Saturday, November 30th, the Seton Hall Pirates fell to the Monmouth Hawks in a terrible game of basketball. Abdi Bashir Jr., the Hawks' star wing, dropped 28 points on 19 attempts, tearing through the Pirates defense for most of the game. There weren't many bright spots for Seton Hall, with one of them being Isaiah Coleman, who had 20 points and 3 rebounds. After the game, Coleman explained the loss with this quote, "Just low energy all week we didn't really come out like we really wanted to be there." This was evident in the game as the Pirates showed a severe lack of hustle. Their shooting splits exemplified how simply bad they played today, shooting 40% from the line, 30% from the field, and 20% from 3. Abdi Bashir himself shot better in all categories, exposing the faults of the Pirates' defense. This was a truly devastating blow for a tournament hopeful Seton Hall team who looks to rebound against NJIT in a night game on Wednesday.

The Value of the Second Half

By Rolando Cruceta

On November 30th, 2024, the Monmouth Hawks played the Seton Hall Pirates with the Pirates carrying home field advantage. The Pirates came into the game being favored by nearly 15 points. The Pirates were projected to win over the Hawks from the entire first half to the beginning of the second half. A sudden crash occurred in the Pirates' win chances, as the Hawks overtook the win projection in the second half and would hold this all the way until the end of the game. The game ended in a Hawks win over the Pirates, 63-51. This moves Seton Hall to 4-4, while Monmouth gets their first win to improve to 1-8. Seton Hall looks to get on the board again against the NJIT Highlanders, while Monmouth attempts to continue to improve their record to 2-8 against the Lehigh Mountain Hawks.

Who is Abdi Bashir, Jr?

By Azir Davis-Marshall

Abdi Bashir, Jr is a 21-year-old sophomore for Monmouth. He is averaging 19.5 points per game on 39.3% shooting, 2 rebounds per game, and 1.3 assists per game. Bashir is 6'7" and weighs in at 160 pounds but he looks smaller in person. He's from Omaha, Nebraska and came all the way to New Jersey. His game against Seton Hall today he scored 28 points, 18 of them in the first half of the game. He also hit 6, 3-pointers. Bashir scored higher than his average today and led his team to one of the biggest upsets in college basketball this season.

The Hall Falls to Monmouth with Senior Guard Addae-Wusu out Sick

By Mimi Deer

Seton Hall Men's Basketball was upset by Monmouth with a score 61-49. After a slow start Monmouth quickly took over in the second half leading them to their first win this season. The game was dominated by sophomore Hawk, Abdi Bashir Jr. who had 28 points and 3

rebounds. On the other hand, Seton Hall struggled with the absence of senior guard Dylan Addae-Wusu, who missed practice all week with the flu. The starter Addae-Wusu is averaging 7 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists and is an important presence on the court for the Pirates. To make up for this absence sophomore guard Garwey Dual started in his place. Dual had 2 points and 3 assists, but only 1 rebound, unfortunately not filling the shoes of the senior. Even with efforts from Issaih Coleman and Chaunce Jenkins who combined for 32 points, the Hawks came out on top. Moving forward, the Hall has to regroup and hope Addae-Wusus recovers before their game against tough rival Rutgers. As far as Monmouth goes, they should use this momentum to push through and try to turn their season around.

The Seton Hall Experience

By NeeLa Ginlock

My experience at the Seton Hall game was cool. It was my first time seeing a Seton Hall game so it was new. When the game first started I thought that Seton Hall was going to win. In the beginning of the game Seton Hall had committed some fouls and then my thoughts were going in between if Seton Hall was going to lose or win.

At half time there was a group of little boys in red and there were two separate teams and then they started playing basketball as well! I was surprised. Then I saw that they were showing people on the big screen and I thought that was pretty cool. After that little break then there was the second half. At that point I knew that Seton Hall was going to lose. I saw that they were still trying their best but Monmouth was just doing better.

Since this was my first game I saw a lot of the things that you don't really get to experience through TV. I saw all of the cheerleaders and I got to see the Seton Hall players walking out close up and I loved the experience and I'm very grateful for it. Although it is disappointing that Seton Hall didn't win, they tried their best to push through. I feel like the other team did a great job. Monmouth just gave a little bit more of that effort to win the game.

Seton Hall vs Monmouth: Key Moments and Matchups

By Chase Hackett

Seton Hall faced Monmouth at the Prudential Center and it was a very hyped up game. Seton Hall went into that game as 13 point favorites to win over the 0-8 Monmouth Hawks which were ranked 315th in defense. The game started off going back and forth but there was a player that was getting ready to heat up. Abdi Bashir, Jr. for the Monmouth Hawks starting off the first half with 15 points while Monmouth was up two (27-29). On the other side Seton Hall had two players who were role playing and controlling the game in the first half. Chaunce Jenkins with 8 and Isaiah Coleman with 15. Monmouth came out very aggressive and strong from deep range and also confident when it comes to getting rebounds in the paint.

Then Monmouth came into the second half dominating and Bashir, Jr was getting to it especially from deep, knocking down three straight buckets. Seton Hall was still trying when Isiah Coleman hit a nice pump fake layup basket with a foul. After that Monmouth never looked back going on a 10-2 run coming out of halftime. Seton Hall went 8-16 for free throws which is pretty bad compared to their regular average. Monmouth continued to dominate offensively and on the defensive end. There was one player Seton Hall just couldn't seem to stop, Abdi Bashir, Jr. Bashir, Jr was going off shooting 50 percent from long range and also diming up his teammates for open looks and easy buckets. Monmouth pulled off the 63-52 upset over Seton Hall in a crazy game. Bashir, Jr finished the game with 28 points, while Isiah Coleman for Seton Hall had 20. This game was very crazy how Monmouth went 0-8 and came in and upset a pretty good Seton Hall team which is very disappointing. Seton Hall moves on to 4-4 and Monmouth moves on to 1-8. After the game the Seton Hall coach had some words which were "They just outplayed us and that's sad. That's just on me" while Coleman stated, "We had low energy this week and it carried over to the game today." After hearing these two statements I can say that Seton Hall overall came into this game underestimating Monmouth. Although they are the better team they just took a tough loss.

Seton Hall Pirates vs Monmouth Hawks: Game Experience

By Nikolai Hackett

As I walked into the Prudential Center I could feel the tension and saw so many people in the line to watch. I can feel the cold, rusty, and freezing air in the building, as I start shivering intensely. I smelled a colorful, smooth aroma in the arena that made me hungry. While I was eating with my annoying brother at the game, I saw that Seton Hall was losing by a large margin. Even though they lost, I was still entertained because of their good offense. The thing that made them lose was their passing. I say this because while I was watching the game, I noticed that they were making predictable passes which made them miss scores and dunks and let them lose the ball. I think that if Seton Hall wants to win against more skilled, determined, and tough teams, they will need a stronger defense. I say this because the Monmouth Hawks were able to break their defense by going to spots that left Seton Hall vulnerable to the dunk.

Seton Hall Suffers a Brutal Loss vs Monmouth

By Jaedon Jenkins

Seton Hall has just played its worst game of the season. This was the worst loss in the Prudential Center in at least the past 10 years. Monmouth entered this game as 13.5 point underdogs and ended up winning the game 63-51. Monmouth entered the game with a record of 0-8 while Seton Hall was 4-3. Seton Hall was coming off good performances in the Charleston Classic finishing in third place with a record of 2-1. The game started off very slow in the first 5 minutes with Seton Hall being out-rebounded 5 to 1. We also saw that starting guard Dylan Addae-Wusu was out this game with the flu and it really showed in the final outcome. As you can see whenever you watch a Seton Hall game you can see that Coach Holloway subs in his players early and often. Within the first 3 minutes, Seton Hall committed 2 shot clock violations and had 3 new people come into the game. When Scotty Middleton checked in he had some great hustle plays and gave Seton Hall some energy for a few minutes. The first 10 minutes of the game was very defensive minded until Abi Bashir, Jr got hot and never looked back the entire

game. Seton Hall in the beginning was not attacking and could not break Monmouth's 2-3 zone or get any jump shots to fall. Seton Hall had a very poor performance on offense, however Zay Coleman was the lone bright spot for this team. He dropped 20 points along with 2 rebounds in 31 minutes. Monmouth's point guard Abdi Bashir, Jr. killed Seton Hall dropping a game high 28 points along with 3 rebounds and an assist. Seton Hall shot 35.8% from the field as well as 23.8% from three and 50% from the free throw line. Meanwhile Monmouth shot 46% from the field as well as 47.6% from three and 70% on free throws. Seton Hall's next game will be on Wednesday night back at Prudential Center against NJIT at 8:30. Monmouth's next game will be Wednesday against Lehigh at 7:00 at Stabler Arena.

Seton Hall Struggles to Finish

By Salvatore Mehalaris

The Pirates fall to 1-8 Monmouth in a disappointing fashion. This loss can be blamed on the Pirates disappointing shooting. Monmouth shot an impressive 23-50 field goal percentage and 10-21 from three, while Seton Hall could only hit 19-53 of their field goals and a pitiful 5-21 from three. Both the Pirates' starters and bench are at fault, with the starters going 31.25% from three and the bench players missing all 7 three attempts. Seton Hall has their work cut out for them, but has a chance to bounce back against NJIT on December 4th, a team that struggles to shoot over 40% FG. The Hall is now at the bottom of the Big East conference, tied with Villanova.

The Upset of the Season

By Sophia Mehalaris

That is the game: Monmouth 63 and Seton Hall 51. Monmouth beat Seton Hall by 12 points in a major upset. I will be looking at what each team did, good and bad. Starting with shooting percentage, Monmouth shot 23-50 which is 46% overall, so they shot pretty good. Seton Hall shot 19-53 which is 35.8%, so they honestly shot pretty bad today. Going into 3 point

percentage, Monmouth shot 10-21 or 47.6% while Seton Hall shot 5-21 or 23.8%. For free throws Monmouth went 7-10 or 70%, Seton Hall went 8-16 or 50% which sounds alright but free throws are such easy points and only shooting 50% is a let down for a D1 team. With the rebounds, Monmouth beat out Seton Hall 34-28. Monmouth won the defensive rebound battle 26-17 which is a massive low blow to Seton Hall, but Seton hall did win the offensive rebound battle 11-8. Seton Hall also beat out Monmouth on steals 10-6 but Monmouth won the blocks game by 6-3. With all the good stats Monmouth had there was still one thing they did pretty badly: turnovers. They had 14 turnovers while Seton Hall had 10. Though Monmouth had more turnovers they used Seton Hall's turnovers as an advantage better than Seton Hall used Monmouth's turnovers to advantage because Monmouth had 9 fast break points while Seton Hall had 2. Upon the loss, Seton Hall's coach said this to the media, "They just outplayed us and that's sad and that's on me." Looking at all the stats I think it is pretty evident that Monmouth had a dominant game and worked hard to take home that win.

Prudential Center is not in Smiles

By Sebastian Mejia

Saturday, November 30 the Monmouth Hawks pulled out a big win versus Seton Hall in the Prudential Center. The player of the game in the Prudential Center was Bashir, Jr. He had a good game scoring 28 points today and 1 assist and 3 rebounds, taking MVP of the game. But it wasn't all bad for Seton Hall because their very own Isaiah Coleman had 18 points and 2 rebounds but they still did lose 63-51. But they still have the rest of the season because it is just the 8th game of the season. So they shave the rest of the season to turn their record around. The same goes for Monmouth because they had a worse start than Seton Hall because right now their only win was today against Seton Hall and their record is 1-8. It will be a tough season for Monmouth and Seton Hall if they keep it going like this.

Abdi Bashir, Jr. is Making it to the NBA

By Mateo Moncada

Most NBA Hall of Famers you think of were great in college. Micheal Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, Kareem- Abdul Jabar, Kevin Durant, Steph Curry, Derrick Rose, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, and the list goes on forever. Monmouth's Abdi Bashir, Jr. is having a very solid collegiate season. Abdi Bashir, Jr. is averaging 19 points, which is top 40 in the NCAA for points per game. Bashir, Jr. is the best player on a guard-filled Monmouth team meaning he has a shot at the league. In 2020, Anthony Edwards averaged 19.5 points per game in college, and he was the #1 pick in the draft. Since then Edwards has been a 2-time All Star, All-Nba player, Olympic Gold Medalist, All-Rookie First Team and even won a dunk of the year. Bashir, Jr. is averaging the same amount of points most all stars were in college. If Bashir, Jr. keeps up this success throughout the season, he has a shot at the NBA Draft this July. If he doesn't get selected, he could still earn a roster spot through the Summer League. Today, Bashir, Jr. scored 28 points, including 18 in the first half against Seton Hall. He demonstrated consistency and the ability to score at ease tonight vs a 4-3 Seton Hall team. He also did not miss a single free throw in this game. Bashi, Jr. shows maturity and determination which all NBA scouts are looking for in a good player. I believe that by the end of this season he will have an NBA roster spot or G League spot if he stays consistent.

Seton Hall vs. Monmouth: "Oh, How the Tables Have Turned"

By Harmony Reed

Today was my first time going to a college basketball game and I knew nothing about any of these teams. Coming in I've heard a lot of great things about Seton Hall, setting the expectation that Seton Hall was going to win this game. Sadly, they did not and I am highly disappointed with their performance.

In the first half, number 33 of Seton Hall came in hard and played excellent defense. He was subbed out about 5-8 minutes in then Monmouth was strong on defense. Both teams were

back and forth but Monmouth was in the lead for the majority of the time. The first half ended with Seton Hall at 27 points and Monmouth at 29. Five minutes into the second half Seton Hall came in strong and made their shots but Monmouth matched that same energy staying in the lead. Monmouth won the game.

Seton Hall could've played a lot more aggressively. I feel like they were very nonchalant on the court. Maybe it's because they and everyone else has such high expectations for them winning. I'm proud of Monmouth's performance today, especially because they were the underdogs in this case. They came and showed out. They played great defense, made their shots and had a great hustle.

Today three players on Seton Hall's team stood out to me the most: number 21, 2 and 33. Number 2 played the best today. He was one of the strongest players on defense and made his shots. Number 21 played a good game. He made a lot of regular and tricky shots. Number 33 did great on defense. On offense, he messed up a couple of times, but I feel like he has a lot of potential offensively. In spite of these few players listed and their well-played performance, the team collectively could've played much better.

Seton Hall's Bitter-Sweet Game

By Mackenzie Sosa

As soon as I walked into the tunnel I could already tell everyone was hyped. This game was supposed to be an easy win for Seton Hall because Monmouth had not won a single game. The game started with Monmouth scoring the first points, which set the mood for the rest of the game. Seton Hall repeatedly missed their free throws, and you could tell how sarcastic the spectators started becoming, because almost every time they missed the crowd would burst out in boos. Once they finally scored a free throw the spectators started obnoxiously cheering. Overall, I think the game was an amazing experience. There were some boring aspects about it and some really fun ones, like the Flag Man for Seton Hall beating his record of 10 laps and now increasing it to 12. Even though I am a Seton Hall fan, I liked how Monmouth proved everyone wrong and won a game that had almost all odds against them.

Seton Hall's Disappointing Loss

By Nicholas Sosa

Seton Hall had an unexpected loss against the 0-8 Monmouth team today. It was a tough first half as the score was going both ways. By the end of the first half Seton Hall was staggering behind Monmouth with the score of 27 while Monmouth had 29. When the second half came along it started out pretty bad. In the first two minutes of the half Monmouth scored eight more points while Seton Hall only was able to bag 2 more. By the end of the game Seton Hall lost by six points, the end score being 63 - 57. Seton Hall's coach, Holloway said, "They just outplayed us and that's sad, and that's on me." Monmouth's star player of the game today was their 6' 7" guard, Abdi Bashir, Jr. He had Seton Hall running for their money as he scored a whopping 28 points for Monmouth during the game. Bashir made six of his nine 3-point attempts. It is shocking that Monmouth was ranked 315th defensively entering the game, but Seton Hall shot 35 percent from the field as well as 5-of-21 from 3-point range. Seton Hall also only hit 8 of their 16 free-throw attempts. Defensively, the Pirates got shredded by Monmouth guard Abdi Bashir, Jr., and got outscored 19-9 in points off turnovers and outrebounded by six. Overall, it is the most shocking outcome of the game, but this can be the fuel to help ignite Seton Hall's flame to try to become better and fight harder next time.