
How do you see the rest of the season playing out?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/01/08 13:19

I'm usually only a 1 game at a time type of guy, but I've been looking at the schedule. These are my predictions for the rest of our campaign provided we get Eric back within the next week or so.

New Orleans (W)
@ Troy (L)
ASU (W)
USA (W)
@ WKU (L)
@ MTSU (L)
FAU (W)
@ FIU (W)
@ UNO (L)
Denver (W)
@ Houston Baptist (W)
UALR (W)
ULL (W)
@ ULM (L)

So that would be a 18-11 (10-8 in SBC) mark. Probably get us a seed in the 5-8 range. We definitely could win just about every game I have us penciled in for a loss if we are healthy - but we always slip up here and there. I figured we'd be about 12-6 in conference play - but I also had us having wins over teams like FIU before now.

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Re:How do you see the rest of the season playing out?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/01/18 22:30

So after 3 games, I'm off on the result of 2 games, but we have the record I predicted. The way everyone is bunched up, 10-8 might get you a 4 seed.

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Re:How do you see the rest of the season playing out?

Posted by GrandGreen - 2010/01/19 19:46

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Posted by censored by laurie - 2010/01/19 22:36

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Everything in bold can be tied right back into point guard play. Point guards facilitate offensive continuity...they LOOK TO FEED A WELL-ESTABLISHED POST MORE THAN 8 TIMES A NIGHT (sorry, a real personal gripe of mine from the ASU game)...and when they penetrate it is with the intent of creating for others. To a lesser extent they tend to quarterback the communication on defense as well...hustle and defense are not synonymus...good defense starts with good communication.

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Re:How do you see the rest of the season playing out?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/01/22 18:10

We have WKU next. I'm still predicting this is an L, but the Toppers recent struggles have given me alot of hope for that one. They might be pretty tired as well given they way they're loading up on games recently. I believe by the time we play them it'll be their 7th game in two weeks. Maybe we'll catch them tired.

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Re:How do you see the rest of the season playing out?

Posted by Green P! - 2010/01/23 16:09

Feels like we're catching them at the exact right time, but all bets are off as to how this team responds to the extended layoff.

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Re:How do you see the rest of the season playing out?

Posted by TheTastyGreek - 2010/01/23 21:09

Most of the SBC has made it through half of their league games.

We're 5-4, a game and a half out of 1st overall, one game out of a 1st round bye. We're also a game up on 9th place...

This is a crazy year in conference. Pretty much anyone can beat anyone else. Except for Denver, who can't beat anyone on the road. And everyone else, who can't beat Denver in Denver.

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Re:How do you see the rest of the season playing out?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/02/05 09:49

Still a game ahead of where i figured we'd be when I started this thread. Given the way we played last night, I'm feeling pretty confident we can do beter than 10-8 in SBC play.

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Re:How do you see the rest of the season playing out?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/02/09 11:48

I called this upcoming one with the privateers a loss back when I started this topic. Now....I think we very well could win this game, but despite their current record I am still hesitant. UNO has usually given us fits, and playing in their unenergetic arena(all of maybe 150 people there) will suck alot of life out of the game I would think. This is definitely a trap game waiting to happen.

We should win, but I expect a street fight.

(My preconference prediction of 12-6 is still very much in play)

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Re:How do you see the rest of the season playing out?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/02/19 11:21

So, this 10-8 prediction looks very bad now. My original preseason goal of 12-6 is looking increasingly likely, and could very well be shooting the bar low at this point. One can't help but be impressed the way we've responded to the shaky start to league play.

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Re:How do you see the rest of the season playing out?

Posted by Quoner - 2010/02/19 16:02

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Posted by CMJ - 2010/02/19 16:21

I thought it was a failure because Richard Thomas left. :)

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Posted by Green P! - 2010/02/19 17:59

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Shutup. You're not old enough to know anything about UNT basketball. Only the old timer's opinions are valid. Why don't you go +1 yourself.

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Re:How do you see the rest of the season playing out?

Posted by CMJ - 2010/02/19 19:09

What's funny is most of the real long time fans who follow basketball seem to be in JJ's camp. You won't find a bigger defender of Coach Jones than Buford. GrandGreen is often critical of JJ, but seems to very much appreciate him at the same time. SUMG is often angered by Jones - but usually seems to be on board.

Like I've stated in the past - unless you date back to around 1978 - you've never seen a better basketball team than the current run we had(nothing against Jimmy Gales tourney team). If you were here for Spika and are comparing against the old MVC or our top 20 team in 1977(I think? - maybe it was '78) - then you can be a bit snarky. Just most of the biggest bitches graduated post 1990.

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Re:How do you see the rest of the season playing out?

Posted by Quoner - 2010/02/20 13:50

There's a number of valid in-game reasons to express frustration with JJ - he's not infallible. What's funny is that most of the people who attack him can't just appreciate the success and explain what is bothering them. He's either totally overrated or busy pulling kids out of orphanages. I have no idea how this happened, but it's kind of amazing to watch?

Maybe because a lot of the people against him are not only post-90 graduates, but not the most knowing basketball minds?

Also, the "I think X player is more of a random object than real position" joke formula will never get old to me.

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