



Memphis & Alabama Open the Season With Wins

Princeton, NJ (November 14, 2002) – The college basketball season got underway Thursday night at the AT&T Wireless Coaches vs. Cancer Classic in New York City.

In the opening game of the doubleheader, the unranked Memphis Tigers began their season with an upset, beating Syracuse 70-63. Freshman Jeremy Hunt led the way with 19 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. 'Cuse freshman sensation Carmelo Anthony got his college career started in a grand way, scoring 27 points (second most in Event history, Chris Carawell scored 28 points vs. Stanford in 1999) and grabbing 11 rebounds.

In the nightcap, the eighth-ranked Alabama Crimson Tide defeated the third-ranked Oklahoma Sooners 68-62. Super Soph Mo Williams paced the Tide with 25 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Seniors Ebi Ere and Hollis Price led the Sooners with 24 and 19 points each, respectively.

Match-ups for Friday night are as follows:

Friday, November 15th - 6:30 PM EST
Villanova vs. Marquette
Texas vs. Georgia

Both games will be televised nationally on ESPN2.

Last season, the Arizona Wildcats, then unranked, upset both No. 5 Florida and No.3 Maryland on consecutive nights to be crowned the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic champions. Other past champions include Kansas (2000), Stanford (1999) and Temple (1998).

The Coaches vs. Cancer ® program, created by the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches exists to leverage the strength, community leadership and celebrity of our country's basketball coaches to raise awareness and in turn, reduce cancer risk through education programs while raising funds for the American Cancer Society.

Since 1995, Gazelle, producer of the AT&T Wireless Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, has raised over \$2 million for Coaches vs. Cancer ®. Tickets are now available through the Madison Square Garden Box Office, by calling TicketMaster at (212)307-7171 or by logging on to the AT&T Wireless Coaches vs. Cancer Classic page of Ticketmaster.com.

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