

Blue Raiders Get Road Win at NMSU

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SCORING MACHINE GUNN:

Tommy Gunn, who was the SBC's second-leading scorer in conference games, exceeded his league average of 19.1 per game with 26 against the Aggies. Gunn is now averaging 20.5 in Sun Belt contests. In his last three contests, Gunn has scored 69 points for an average of 23.

PIPPEN STAYS STRONG:

Despite finding foul trouble against NMSU, William Pippen turned in an outstanding performance. The Hamburg, AR, native netted 14 points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds while drawing

perhaps the toughest defensive assignment of the night in guarding James Moore. Pippen drew his fourth foul at the 14:42 mark in the second half and never fouled out.

UNSUNG HERO: Perhaps the team's most unheralded performance of the night came from Steven Jackson. The Memphis product scored seven points and snared five rebounds in 24 minutes of court time. Jackson's points seemed to come at key points in the game, including a driving layup down the lane with 13:08 left that pushed the Blue Raider lead to 49-42 and forced the Aggies into a timeout.

MOST ROAD WINS: The Blue Raiders' win against NMSU gives the team two road wins in league play, the most for the Blue Raiders since joining the league three seasons ago. The win comes in the team's first visit to Las Cruces since coming into the Sun Belt.

ROAD TRIP ROUNDUP: The Blue Raiders are in the midst of a two-game road trip that will see the team log some serious miles and see completely opposite parts of the United States. The Blue Raiders left Murfreesboro on Wednesday afternoon to fly to El Paso, Texas and caught a charter bus for the hour ride to Las Cruces. The team will leave the hotel at 7 AM Friday morning to go to the El Paso airport and fly to Baton Rouge, LA. The team will then bus the hour to Lafayette for Saturday's game. All of this travel and the team will still make it back home in time to catch the kickoff of the Superbowl!



THIS AND THAT: The Blue Raiders have won the last two contests in which they were outrebounded, making the team 2-5 in those situations this season ... Following the team's game in Lafayette on Saturday, the Blue Raiders will enjoy five of their next six games in the Murphy Center ... The Blue Raiders are now 1-4 all-time against NMSU ... Tonight's win snapped a 12-game home winning streak for the Aggies ... The Blue Raiders game against UL-Lafayette will tip-off at 7 PM Central Time.

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