



Southeast Missouri (1-0) 71, Kansas City (2-1) 66

Saturday, November 28, 2020 // 4 p.m., CT // Mabee Fieldhouse // Kansas City, Mo.

- For the first time in its NCAA Division I era, Southeast Missouri won a season-opener outside of Cape Girardeau.
- SEMO gave Brad Korn his first career win as a head coach. Korn became the first to win his debut game as a SEMO head coach in the Redhawks NCAA Division I era. He also was the first to win his first game as SEMO's head coach since Carroll Williams accomplished the feat vs. Missouri Baptist (96-65) on Dec. 1, 1976.
- The Redhawks ended an 18-game losing streak in games away from Cape Girardeau. SEMO last won a road game at Eastern Illinois (88-79) on Feb. 16, 2019.
- SEMO opened a season with a win over an NCAA Division I opponent for the first time in 16 years. The last time that happened was when the Redhawks edged Green Bay, 63-62, on Nov. 21, 2003.
- Nolan Taylor, Eric Reed, Jr. and Chris Harris all made their first career starts for the Redhawks. Five players played for the first time in a SEMO uniform (Reed, Jr., Taylor, Nana Akenten, Nate Johnson, Dylan Branson).
- In just his ninth career start in three seasons at SEMO, Nygal Russell scored 14 points, including eight in the final 2:32 of the contest. Russell made two 3-pointers in the last minute to seal the Redhawks victory. He also added seven rebounds and scored the final eight points of the game.
- Nebraska transfer Nana Akenten came off the bench to score 16 first-half points in his SEMO debut. Akenten made a game-high four 3-pointers, shot 6-of-12 from the field, grabbed six rebounds, dished out two assists, collected three steals and had two blocks in 32 minutes. He also capped his big first half by banking in a beyond halfcourt shot of approximately 54 feet at the buzzer to send the Redhawks into the locker room with a 37-31 halftime lead.
- Four players put up double-digit points in the scoring column. Chris Harris paved the way with 18 points. Nana Akenten followed close behind with 17 points. Nygal Russell and Nolan Taylor added 14 and 10 points, respectively.
- SEMO shot 48.8 percent (20-of-41) from the field against Kansas City. It was the Redhawks highest field goal percentage versus an NCAA Division I opponent in a season-opener since shooting 47.4 percent (27-of-57) at Missouri on Nov. 11, 2011.
- The Redhawks improved to 9-3 all-time in their series against Kansas City.
- Chris Harris has scored double figures in every game he played at SEMO. Harris, who was limited to two games due to a knee injury a year ago, scored a career-high 18 against Kansas City.
- SEMO attempted 35 free throws in its 2020-21 season opener against Kansas City. That total was one away from tying the Redhawks season-high of 36 free throw attempts from 2019-20 (vs. SIUE, Feb. 15).