

2012 NCAA Basketball Tournament Central

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March Madness, YouTube Style

The scandal surrounding the USM pep band's racist chant near the end of the Eagles' loss to Kansas State in the 2012 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament is receding a bit. Still, videos of the public relations disaster remain on YouTube, and view counts related to these continue to rise. With the recent close of the 2012 tournament, USMNEWS.net concludes its Tournament Central series with a ranking of the available YT videos. The results appear below in Table 1.

Table 1: YouTube and the USM Pep Band Scandal

Rank	Video Title	Host	Upload Date	Length	# Views
1	Southern Miss Band Being Super Racist	jackpmoore	15-Mar-2012	0:32	431,175
2	Tourney Player Taunted with Racist Chant	LovingMusicStar2	15-Mar-2012	0:19	26,287
3	'Where's Your Green Card' to Puerto Rican Kansas State Player Angel Rodriguez	TayProductionTV	15-Mar-2012	0:30	21,462
4	Racist Chant from College Band	tytsports	16-Mar-2012	2:56	16,054
5	Southern Miss to Kansas State Player: 'Where's Your Green Card'	SamSeder	16-Mar-2012	6:05	5,616
6	Southern Mississippi band chants 'Where's Your Green Card'	ReyProd	16-Mar-2012	1:05	2,186
					502,780

As Table 1 indicates, there are (at least) six separate YouTube uploads (videos) dealing with the pep band's chant towards KSU's Angel Rodriguez. The top one of these, a 32 seconds clip from "jackpmoore," has been viewed an astounding 431,175 times. This video clip claims the national title in this case. The six videos ranked in Table 1 above have been viewed almost **503,000** times, a mind boggling total for clips that have been up for only three to four weeks. Sadly in this case, the championship involves a stain in USM's 100-year history.

Are Eustachy's Eagles Ready for Big Time? – Part 2

Since the USM Golden Eagles fell to Kansas State in their first game of the 2012 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, a number of other pieces of the puzzle have fallen into place. The string below summarizes what has happened on USM's side of the bracket.

USM < Kansas State < Syracuse < Ohio State < Kansas < Kentucky

The string above indicates that after beating USM, Kansas State fell to Syracuse. Syracuse would later fall to Ohio State, which would subsequently fall to Kansas. Finally, Kansas fell to Kentucky in the title game. As such, the string above is long enough to suggest that, even after eight years in Hattiesburg, Eustachy's program remains quite a distance from the big time.