

Lee-McNelis' Seventh Season Ends with Thud

HATTIESBURG – While committing 28 personal fouls and 26 turnovers, Joye Lee-McNelis' USM Lady Eagles basketball team dropped their first round 2011 C-USA Tournament game against Memphis by a score of 63 to 71. The loss ends Lee-McNelis' seventh season at the helm of the program, as the 2010-11 version of the Lady Eagles finished with a disappointing 10-20 (0.333) record. As [USMNEWS.net reported](#) on 8-Mar-2011, Lee-McNelis has produced the three worst seasons at USM since 1977-78, the year the former head coach Kay James took control of the program. During the two years prior to that, the first two in the program's history, the USM women's basketball program played abbreviated schedules and was coached by two different individuals. Regarding the aforementioned three worst seasons, the Lady Eagles finished at 0.300, 0.321, and 0.333 (in percentage terms), respectively. The best of these three performances is six percentage points *worse than* the other bottom-tier performances since 1977-78.

 Southern Miss.	63	Final
 Memphis	71	

Even with the [dismal overall record](#) of 98-116 (0.458) that Lee-McNelis has produced since taking the reins of the program seven seasons ago, sources tell USMNEWS.net that USM fans should expect to see her on the bench once again next year, and likely the following year as well. Her current contract, sources point out, is not set to expire until 2013. Her annual salary is \$128,000, and her total annual compensation is \$143,000, according to Mississippi IHL reports. Thus, USM has parted with \$286,000 for the 19 games that Lee-McNelis won over the past two seasons. These figures come to more than \$15,000 per victory.