

2024 Myrtle Beach Invitational Championship Notes

Bradley and **Middle Tennessee** will be meeting in men's basketball for the first time.

2024 Bradley Results & Schedule

O30	Millikin (exhibition).....	W 80-63
N4	Southeast Missouri	W 88-60
N8	at Washington State.....	L 74-91
N12	UTSA	W 85-72
N16	Northern Illinois.....	W 76-60
N21	Texas State	W 82-68
N22	Wright State	W 77-74
N24	Middle Tennessee	4:30 p.m. CT
N29	Judson	1 p.m. CT

Bradley is competing in its 63rd in-season tournament.

- The Braves have won seven titles, including three under the leadership of Brian Wardle.
- Bradley has posted an 87-71 record (Neutral - 49-64; Home - 31-3; Away - 7-12)

Bradley's In-season Championships

1937 - Rock Island (Illinois)
1950 - Sugar Bowl (New Orleans)
1966 - Sugar Bowl (New Orleans)
1983 - River City Shootout (Peoria)
2018 - Cancun Challenge
2021 - Haskins SB Invite (El Paso)
2023 - SoCal Challenge

2024 Middle Tennessee Results & Schedule

N4	Oglethorpe	W 97-51
N9	at Abilene Christian.....	W 79-56
N13	Evansville.....	W 80-63
N16	Murray State	L 67-88
N21	Ohio	W 83-81
N22	USF.....	W 95-88
N24	Bradley.....	4:30 p.m. CT
D1	at UAB	3 p.m. CT

Middle Tennessee is competing in its 50th in-season tournament.

- The Raiders have won seven titles, including one under Nick McDevitt.
- Middle Tennessee has posted a 65-60 record (Neutral - 56-41; Home - 5-3; Away - 4-16)

Middle Tennessee's In-season Championships

1956 - Cap City (Nashville)
1962 - Hatter Invite (Deland, Fla.)
1990 - MVP (Toledo)
2008 - Travelers (Springfield, Mo.)
2015 - Great Alaska Shootout
2016 - Music City (Nashville)
2022 - Northern Classic (Quebec)

Myrtle Beach Invitational Championship Games

Sunday will be the sixth championship game at the **Myrtle Beach Invitational**.

2018 - UCF (American) 78, Western Kentucky (CUSA) 62

2019 - Baylor (Big 12) 87, Villanova (BIG EAST) 78

2020 - Not held (Charlotte, Dayton, Loyola, Missouri, Nebraska, Penn, Pittsburgh & Utah State)

2021 - Utah State (Mountain West) 73, Oklahoma (Big 12) 70

2022 - UMass (Atlantic 10) 60, Charlotte (Conference USA) 54

2023 - Liberty (Conference USA) 71, Vermont (American East) 61

Myrtle Beach Invitational Championship Game Highs

Points

27, Collin Gillespie, Villanova vs. Baylor, 2019
25, Charles Bassegy, Western Kentucky vs. UCF, 2018
24, Justin Bean, Utah State vs. Oklahoma, 2021
22, Jared Butler, Baylor vs. Villanova, 2019
21, Aubrey Dawkins, UCF vs. W. Kentucky, 2018
21, Zach Cleveland, Liberty vs. Vermont, 2023

Rebounds

19, Justin Bean, Utah State vs. Oklahoma, 2021
11, J. Robinson-Earl, Villanova vs. Baylor, 2019
10, Charles Bassegy, Western Kentucky vs. UCF, 2018
10, Jalen Hill, Oklahoma vs. Utah State, 2021

Assists

7, Terrel Allen, UCF vs. Western Kentucky, 2018
7, Kaden Metheny, Liberty vs. Vermont, 2023
6, Collin Gillespie, Villanova vs. Baylor, 2019

Steals

4, Terrel Allen, UCF vs. Western Kentucky, 2018

Blocks

3, Cole Swider, Villanova vs. Baylor, 2019
2, Tacko Fall, UCF vs. Western Kentucky, 2018

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John T. Rhodes Most Valuable Player Award - The Most Valuable Player award for the **Myrtle Beach Invitational** is named in honor of **John T. Rhodes**, known as the "Father of Sports Tourism" for the coastal resort city. After graduating from Carolina Military Academy in Maxton, N.C., Rhodes moved to Myrtle Beach, where he was a basketball and baseball player at Coastal Carolina University. After his CCU career, Rhodes worked in the lodging and restaurant industry in the Grand Strand, where he became a voting member of the McDonald's All-American Selection Committee. He helped conceive a Christmas high school basketball tournament in 1981 that would highlight local players. Rhodes was the Executive Director of the Beach Ball Classic and built the event into one of the nation's top Christmas high school basketball tournaments. He served 12 years as the mayor of Myrtle Beach, devoting time to countless committees to improve the lives of children while generating economic development and growth along the Grand Strand. Rhodes, who was awarded an honorary degree (Doctor of Public Service) from Coastal Carolina in December 2020, passed away in January 2021.

2018 - Aubrey **Dawkins**, UCF
2019 - Jared **Butler**, Baylor

2021 - Justin **Bean**, Utah State
2022 - Noah **Fernandes**, UMass

2023 - Kyle **Rode**, Liberty
2024 - TO BE NAMED

Myrtle Beach Invitational All-Tournament Teams

2018 - Aubrey **Dawkins**, UCF - Rhodes MVP
 Tacko **Fall**, UCF
 Charles **Bassey**, Western Kentucky
 Sagaba **Konate**, West Virginia
 Khalil **Ahmad**, CS Fullerton

2021 - Justin **Bean**, Utah State - Rhodes MVP
 Rylan **Jones**, Utah State
 Tanner **Groves**, Oklahoma
 Jalen Hill, **Oklahoma**
 Hyunjung **Lee**, Davidson

2023 - Kyle **Rode**, Liberty - Rhodes MVP
 Brody **Peebles**, Liberty
 Shamir **Bogues**, Vermont
 Sam **Griffin**, Wyoming
 Marcus **Foster**, Furman
 Xavier **Bell**, Wichita State
 Terrence **Hargrove Jr.**, Saint Louis

2019 - Jared **Butler**, Baylor - Rhodes MVP
 MaCio **Teague**, Baylor
 Collin **Gillespie**, Villanova
 Jeremiah **Robinson-Earl**, Villanova
 Reggie **Perry**, Mississippi State

2022 - Noah **Fernandes**, UMass - Rhodes MVP
 Matt **Cross**, UMass
 Aly **Khalifa**, Charlotte
 JaCobi **Wood**, Murray State
 Marcus **Shaver**, Jr., Boise State

MYRTLE BEACH INVITATIONAL - DOUBLE DIGIT COMEBACKS					
Year	Deficit	Winning School	Opponent	Final Score	Round
2023	15, 19-34, 3:20, 1st half	Vermont	Charleston	73-64	Quarterfinals
2021	13, 34-47 19:32, 2nd half	Davidson	East Carolina	76-67	5th-place
2018	11, 6-17, 10:26, 1st half	UCF	Western Kentucky	78-62	Championship Game
2024	11, 5-16, 15:31, 1st half	South Florida	Portland	74-68	Quarterfinals
2024	11, 5-16, 14:43, 1st half	Texas State	Princeton	83-80	Consolation Semifinals
2021	10, 23-33, 1:27, 1st half	New Mexico State	Davidson	75-64	Quarterfinals
2022	10, 49-59, 1:27, 2nd half	UMass	Murray State	71-69	Semi-finals
2023	10, 4-14, 13:24, 1st half	Saint Louis	Wyoming	79-69	Quarterfinals