Win No. 700 for Rick Jones

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The Green Wave baseball team collected an 8-5 victory over the University of Louisiana-Monroe on Tuesday evening (May 4) at Greer Field at Turchin Stadium, handing head coach Rick Jones his 700th Tulane win.



"What it means is I have been here a long time, and we have had a lot of good players," head baseball coach Rick Jones said after his 700th Tulane win. (Photo by Angelica Johnson)

"Tonight was a draining game for me because we needed a win," <u>Jones</u> said about reaching the milestone. "The other stuff, it's all nice, but this is a player's game ... what it means is I have been here a long time, and we have had a lot of good players."

Jones has averaged 42 wins during his first 16 full seasons on campus, including a pair of 56-win seasons. The Bennett, N.C., native has advanced to the postseason in 12 of those campaigns. Jones guided the Green Wave to the NCAA Super Regional during the 2001, 2004 and 2005 seasons and advanced to the College World Series

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During his tenure at Tulane, Jones has led the Green Wave to four regular season Conference USA Championships and a C-USA-record five tournament titles. The program's student-athletes have been honored with 178 C-USA Commissioner's Cup Honor Roll accolades.

Jones was honored as the 2005 National Coach of the Year after leading <u>Tulane</u> to 56 wins and guiding them to their second appearance in Omaha. His success earned him the Coach of the Decade honor from the conference office.

On the national scene, Jones has tutored 24 players to All-American honors. Major League Baseball has drafted 42 members of Jones' Tulane teams.

He also was the head coach for USA Baseball's Collegiate National Team that won the World Baseball Challenge in Prince George, British Columbia, in summer 2009.

Jones' Green Wave team will return to action on Friday (May 7) as they travel to Houston to open a C-USA series with the Cougars. Tulane is 27-19 overall and 6-9 in conference play.