

MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

A Matter Of Time

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I don't mean to be a wet-blanket, but the streak will end. It's inevitable. For those who may not know what I'm talking about, on Tuesday of last week, the University of Connecticut Women's Basketball program won their 89th consecutive game. That's the longest winning streak in history. The legendary John Wooden, coach of the UCLA Bruins held the former record with 88 wins, spanning from 1971-1974. The UConn ladies began their streak on November 16, 2008, and there's really no end in sight.

However, the streak will end. It doesn't matter how good this basketball program is, the night is coming when they will have an "off" night, or when they will match up against a better team, or a luckier team, and their streak will come to an end.

Now, I don't want to take anything away from their monumental winning streak. I just want to make a point of comparison. Their winning streak reminds me of our Christian life. No matter how good we are or have been, we're going to have a bad day; we're going to meet a stronger opponent, and we're going to lose a contest.

If we had to keep a "streak" going in order to make it to Heaven, how hopeless we would all be. But thanks be to God for making provision for our inevitable imperfection! We can still be crowned as victors over sin and death without a flawless record!

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