



**Post-game Quotes
Saturday, March 12
Championship Game**

No. 4 Hartford 65, No. 2 Boston University 53

Boston University Head Coach Kelly Greenberg

Opening Statement:

Well obviously this is a tough loss for our team, our program. Our girls played hard. I just told my players there's not another group I'd rather coach in America. Whether it's UConn, Tennessee, anyone. They represent what the definition of our program is about.

Senior forward Kerry Cashman

On the difficulty of losing:

It's just hard to work every single day with these girls and not be able to bring all the talent that we can. It's just hard.

Sophomore guard Chantell Alford

Mindset going into the second half:

Coach always says the score is 0-0 and to try not think of the lead they have or the lead we have but to go out and be aggressive. So we wanted to come out strong.

Hartford Head Coach Jennifer Rizzoti

Opening Statement:

Wow. I'm kind of speechless. Just really happy and proud of my team and the perseverance they showed all year and commitment they showed to Hartford basketball. They bought in – especially these three guys – bought into how we win championships and got better every week and I just give them credit for turning the season around and finding a way to be the last one standing. I'm really proud of these kids.

Sophomore Guard Daphne Elliott

What does it mean this time around?

This time is special just because everyone underestimated us. We had a lot of people coming up to us saying 'Oh, this may not be your year' and 'Maybe next year' This is important because we lost Diana Delva and Erica Beverly which everybody thought were our best players. Nobody guessed we would be winning the championship so it's a big one for us.

Sophomore Forward Ruthanne Doherty

What will you do differently in the NCAA tournament this year?

Last year it was not by surprise and we worked real hard to reach that point. I think we had a full year to mentally prepare for it. As a freshman it was a lot of nerves coming into the NCAAs. Now I'm just hungry and I want to play.

On the atmosphere

I think I can speak for the whole team to say we fed off the crowd. We didn't let one mistake keep us down. Last year we lost the championship, and just to experience someone else cutting down our nets, it's something that stuck with us for a whole year.

Sophomore guard Alex Hall

On playing on the road

It's always great to play at home, everyone wants to play at home, but it's even better to come into someone else's gym as the underdog and take control and take over and realize at the end that you're the best and you deserve it.