

**2011 America East Men's and Women's Basketball Championship
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Friday March 4, 2011: Hartford, Conn.: Women's Quarterfinals #3

Final Score: #8 Stony Brook 65, #1 UMBC 74

UMBC Head Coach Phil Stern

Opening Remarks:

"It was a battle. They're scrappy, they're tough, they are not a good matchup for us. They played great last night. They played great last Saturday. We haven't played in nine days. We knew tonight was going to be a battle. We told the team it didn't have to be pretty; we just have to win by one. We did a good job at getting the ball to the right people, getting the right people to the foul line at the end, and I thought we did a real good job defensively tonight. I'm really proud of our kids' effort tonight against a tough, tough basketball team."

UMBC senior forward Meghan Colabella

On how it feels to get her first tournament win:

"It feels great. It's just another step towards our goal of winning a America East Tournament Championship, and it's just another game to prove that we are a legitimate #1 seed in this conference."

UMBC junior guard Michelle Kurowski

On her offensive game plan:

"Well, I thought them really pressuring me and denying me was a strength for us just because the backdoor will be there and the drive will be there. I knew if I worked underneath the boards and got some layups and got some easy shots, my game would come to me."

Stony Brook Head Coach Evelyn Thompson

Opening Remarks:

"Let me first say that the words to describe this team... I mean I can't even come up with the words to truly describe this team. Exceptional is what I will say because these young women could have easily folded based on all of the adversities we have been through this year. But they haven't and instead they have grown into this fantastic team that I am so, so proud of and so blessed to have coached. This group of young women like I have said, I am blessed to have coached and they have made me not only a better coach but they have made me a better woman and I could not have asked for my first coaching experience to have been with a better group of women."

Stony Brook senior forward Kirsten Jeter

On her adjustment to the defense on her early:

“Early on I think it was just more of a physical game and once the refs started seeing the physicality of it they told us to watch out so rather than fighting and get into foul trouble, I had to keep my composure and try to get open wherever I could.”

Stony Brook sophomore guard Sam Landers:

On being in the bonus early and the game plan for it:

“They are really good free-throw shooters, so they knocked those down. That kind of hurt us from the line. We needed to play smarter when it got down to that. That hurt us.”