



**2012 America East Men's and Women's Basketball Championship
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**Saturday, March 10 : Stony Brook, N.Y., Men's Championship Game
Final Score: Vermont 51, Stony Brook 43**

Stony Brook head coach Steve Pikiell, opening remarks:

"First, I want to thank everyone for coming ... what a great environment, our community, our students, all the work that everyone did to get the gym ready ... just proud of how far we've come under these two guys [Bryan Dougher & Dallis Joyner]. I told them after the game I wouldn't trade them for eight trips to the NCAA tournament. I got a great senior class ... these guys have been awesome. Vermont was better today, if you don't score you can't win and we didn't score enough points to win. Our defense was fine ... I have to give Vermont a lot of credit, they did a great job, they were poised. We tried to do a good job on Four [McGlynn] ... he was very good. Vermont's a good basketball team and I knew we'd have to play real well today. We picked the wrong day to not shoot the ball well, but real pleased with these guys [Dougher & Joyner] careers. Bryan is the leading scorer in school history, proud of him for that. Dallis Joyner's been a horse for us all year, I wouldn't trade these guys for 10 trips to the NCAA tournament. I mean that sincerely ... We're still playing, we're excited about that. We're going to try to play great in the NIT. Vermont, tip of the hat to them, they out-played us today, they were the better team today.

Pikiell on getting team ready this week: "We had a great week of prep, good game plan ... our defense was fine, they scored 51 points today, they average 70. You just never know with basketball, shots go in, shots don't go in. You'd like them all to go in but that's not reality. I thought we were really ready, we were confident. I knew Vermont was a good basketball team, they got good players, they won the regular season title last year and brought back most of that team and added the Rookie of the Year [Four McGlynn]. We knew we were going to have to play real well ... I thought we got decent looks and they made some tough shots ... I still wouldn't trade these guys [our seniors] for anyone. They came here when nobody believed in Stony Brook, we hadn't had a winning American East season before they got here. Since they've been here, they've done nothing but win and it's a real credit to them."

Stony Brook senior guard Bryan Dougher on the loss: Disappointment, we worked four years for this, you don't really realize it until it's over. It's hard to make the NCAA Tournament and Vermont is obviously a great team. They didn't hurt themselves today, they never do and we obviously couldn't capitalize on the opportunities we got. Vermont is a great defensive team just like us and they got the better of us today.

Dougher on program going forward: It might be the end for us [seniors] but this is a program on the rise. We got a great class coming in, great returners coming back next year and hopefully they can keep building the program to where it needs to be. I have complete confidence in the coaching staff and all the returning players that they'll get back to this game and hopefully win it next year.



Vermont head coach John Becker, opening remarks:

"It's a surreal feeling right now, we were talking earlier today about our very first meeting back in July, talked about getting to this point and its here and we were able to beat a very good Stony Brook team and I'd like to congratulate them on a great year, they had a great turnout here, it was a great venue. Thank our fans for coming down, making the long trip. It was a great team effort, something we've been doing all year, played a great defensive game, they only shot 29 percent, just a credit to the way our kids competed on the defensive end of the court. They're [Stony Brook] a very good rebounding team, I thought we battled them on the glass, made timely shots ... it got a little physical towards the end of the game and our guys hung in there, made enough plays to win that game, couldn't be prouder of our guys ... we're going to the tournament.

Becker on what sparked turnaround after 6-9 start:

"In the three league losses we had this year composure was an issue for us, we lost our composure when things weren't going our way especially on the offensive end ... guys would start to force and press and do things out of character ... we really started to preach [composure]. Defensively we were good but we still didn't have a great team concept and guys weren't completely bought in ... our kids always play hard, but we had to play smarter on defense ... and after [the conference opening loss to Stony Brook] our kids really bought in and we went on a pretty good conference run."

Vermont senior forward Matt Glass, on going out with a championship as a senior:

"It's an unbelievable feeling. We worked so hard all year with this goal in mind, we had a lot of ups and downs, sometimes we thought we were down and out, to be able to rally and get ourselves in that position and to come in here and take this game today, its just a really special feeling.

Vermont freshman guard Four McGlynn, on his three-point shooting in the second half:

"It's credit to my teammates more than myself especially Brian [Voelkel] who puts me in great positions with great passes. Been working with the coaches, taking extra shots especially this week. Tonight they went in for me.

Vermont sophomore forward Brian Voelkel on being named Most Outstanding Player

It's an incredible honor to get that award especially when I only scored 12 points [the whole tournament], it just shows what hard work, what being unselfish can do. Obviously I've got to give credit to my teammates for making shots on some of my passes."