



**2012 America East Men's and Women's Basketball Championship
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Saturday, March 10: Albany, N.Y.: Women's Championship Final
Final Score: #2 Albany 69, #5 UMBC 61

Albany Head Coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson, on the large crowd tonight,

“We have such a big community here in Albany. I think it’s great that so many people came out. I told everyone that the only way to get the crowd here is to win games. “

On the character of the players, “Yeah, that’s Ebone. She doesn’t want to lose and competitive as anything. She’s a winner and we’re very fortunate to have her here.”

On what they'll do tomorrow, “I’m all about the journey. We’ll take tomorrow off and Monday off. I’ve always said it’s about the journey, we have to enjoy this.”

On Phil Stern, “He’s a great friend. Both teams were winners tonight because we made it to the championship game. I hope they get a bid to the WNIT, that will be great for the conference and for UMBC.”

Junior guard Ebone Henry, Albany, on free throws:

“We’ve thrown about a million shots on this court. And probably 500 this week. At this point we have to hit them.”

Junior forward Julie Forster, Albany, as the buzzer went off:

“We finally did it. This is something you dream about growing up and being an athlete. I can’t believe we did it.”

UMBC Head Coach Phil Stern, opening remarks:

“First of all, congratulations to UAlbany and Coach Abrahamson-Henderson on a tremendous season. Our kids were hungry to get another title. Our regular season didn’t go as we wanted. I’m proud of our seniors; they represent the school very well. Our kids played hard to the end.”

Michelle Kurowski, UMBC on last three minutes:

“We were being aggressive. We felt like we were in it until the last minute.”

Erin Brown, UMBC on Megan Craig:

“She has a big body and tough to guard.”