



2012 America East Men's and Women's Basketball Championship presented by Newman's Own

Thursday, March 1: West Hartford, Conn.: Women's Quarterfinal #2
Final Score: #5 UMBC 59, #4 New Hampshire U. 57

UMBC Head Coach Phil Stern, opening remarks:

Great basketball game. Maureen has done a great job getting UNH to where they are a tough out every night. Kris Coles is sitting up here because she's an all-conference player who didn't make an all-conference team this year and she showed tonight that she is one of the best defenders around and she made a huge difference in the game for us tonight as well as our seniors and Lauren Chase making some big plays down the stretch."

Stern on Sunday semi-final with Boston:

"Both of our games came down to the final possessions against Boston during the year. Great team, well coached Kelly does a great job with them. Alford is the two-time player of the year and Mo Moran is the key, she makes them go – you have to shut her down and limit what she does. All of their players are threats and that's why they've been able to have success over the last couple of years.

UMBC senior guard Michelle Kurowski, the final free throws:

"When I went up there didn't think about time or score just make these like I do at practice or any other time."

UMBC senior guard Erin Brown, on playing BostonU.:

"I'm excited. They are a really tough team but I think we match up well and we are excited to play them."

UMBC junior forward Kristin Coles, on her defensive mentality:

"That's always my emphasis on the defensive end trying to stop the player on the other team and my teammates can take care of the rest as far as scoring just like those free throws at the end so I just have to take care of my man."

Kurowski on the flow of the game:

"We knew this was going to be a game of runs. It was a tournament game so we were going to go on our runs, they were going to go on their runs. But we knew what we needed to adjust and keep doing and knew we were going to come out with a victory."



New Hampshire head coach Maureen Magarity, opening remarks:

“Very hard fought game both ways. It’s awful that anyone had to win or lose that game, it went back and forth so many times. I’m so proud of these young ladies, just a tremendous year led by our seniors. It’s such a tough way to end it but I am very proud of what this team has accomplished this year.

New Hampshire senior forward Denise Beliveau reflecting on her career:

“I couldn’t ask for anything more and the coaching staff we have. They really bring a love for the game every day. We talk about how blessed we are to have such a great coaching staff that believes in us and loves us. These past couple of years have been unbelievable and I’m really sad to have it end.

New Hampshire senior guard Abigail LaRosa reflecting on her career:

“It has been great. This team is the closest team we’ve ever had here and I’ve ever been on and we all love each other and we all love the staff as well so it’s sad to see it end.”