



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

Saturday, March 3: West Hartford, Conn.: Men's Quarterfinal #2

Final Score: #4 Albany 63, #5 New Hampshire 45

Albany head coach Will Brown, opening remarks:

"My group has turned into a very resilient group. This is not the group that we expected to have heading into the America east Conference Tournament. Not having Devlin and Aronhalt has really hurt us but the last three weeks, this group has really come together and played some good basketball. We played UNH well at home and up there we were in a bad place. Our defense has gotten better over the past few weeks and that's the reason we finished in fourth, because of our defense. It's about survival this time of year, win and move on. Careers end, seasons end and I think this group is playing with a sense of urgency. We are excited and we can't wait for 5 o'clock tomorrow."

Brown on the resiliency of his team:

"Right now it's really about toughness, survive and advance. Sam Rowley has been really playing well in practice and he's starting to be that rugged undersized kid that usually does well in this league. I didn't know going into warm ups if I was going to play Devlin or Aronhalt at all. There is not one team in this league that is winning in this tournament without 2 of their top guys playing so for us to win and advance says a lot about the resiliency of our kids."

Brown on Stony Brook tomorrow:

"We need to speed up the tempo, it can't be a slugfest. If it's Ali-Fraser we're in trouble. We want to be like Sugar Ray Leonard and let them be like Fraser or Foreman. We want to do some dancing, run up and down and we'll see what happens."

Albany junior guard Gerardo Suero, on his offense with all the injuries:

"We got a lot of guys that can bring a lot of things to the table so I don't have to put the whole team on my back. We got Mike, we got Blake, we got Jayson, Iati, and we've got a lot of players that will help us."

Albany junior guard Mike Black, on the week's rest:

"At the start of the game I was a little sluggish because we hadn't played in a week but coach did a great job taking care of over of us over the last week to help us and get our legs back."

Albany junior forward Blake Metcalf, on Stony Brook:

"That's a team that you have to match their physicality. When you start Joyner, Rapier, Brenton that's a tough matchup for the front court. We talked about boxing out and being physical. The more physical team tomorrow will win."



New Hampshire head coach Bill Herrion, opening remarks:

“Congratulations to Albany. We got outplayed. It started from the beginning of the game. They were much more physical than we were, they established the glass early. I thought our defensive game plan was on cue – they shot 36 percent from the floor from the game. We just got beat badly on second chance points and just around the basket. I don’t know if we were top to bottom really ready to go today. When you get to this point in March, and you can’t rebound the ball and take away defensive transition, it’s a hard game to win. They played better than we did. We’ve had a very good run here in February, just disappointed we didn’t play better today.

New Hampshire senior guard Alvin Abreu, on winning in March:

“We would have liked to extend the season today but we just weren’t ready to play and we didn’t take care of business. In March everybody is going after the same thing. Whoever wants it more gets it and Albany proved that today and they took it from us.”

New Hampshire senior forward Brian Benson, on rebounding:

“As seniors you want to go out on a high note. They got a few rebounds on us early and it kind of snow balled on us. I did what I could.”