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Saturday, March 3: West Hartford, Conn.: Men's Quarterfinal #3
Final Score: #2 Vermont 50, #7 Maine 40

Vermont head coach John Becker, opening remarks:

"Great win tonight. I'm really proud of our guys. This is a game we would have lost earlier in the season. It's the first game we've won when we trailed at halftime in conference. On the offensive end we just couldn't get shots to go. We've talked about this a lot recently, keeping our composure and to continue to defend and rebound and then offensively we would find ourselves eventually on the offensive end thought I guys did a tremendous job sticking with it, through adversity. We made enough plays there in the second half. "

Becker on facing adversity:

"(You) never want to face adversity and you'd like to win them easy. I am really proud of the guys. This could be one of those wins that we point to and say this is where this team grew up. These guys took a step forward tonight and this win means a lot more to the program that people know because the guys are starting understand what it takes to win when we're not playing our best basketball."

Becker on Apfeld tonight:

"That was probably one of the best post defensive games you will ever see a kid play. Luke Apfeld guarded the heck out of [Fraser] tonight and that was a big part of this game."

Vermont senior forward Matt Glass, on not panicking:

"I think we were just able to keep our composure tonight. We learned a lot from that Binghamton game and down the stretch here we were able to stick together, stay on the same page. We got stops, we kept rebounding the ball and eventually got some shots to go and push things open a little bit

Vermont sophomore forward Luke Apfeld, on his night:

"Coaches stressed at halftime and before the game to Be confident with our offensive game and make pay within the context of our offense. I saw some opening, guys made some good passes and I was able to knock a few of them down. As a team we really came out in the second half, remained composed and ran our offense and we were able to get some shots to go.

Glass, on the tough offensive night:

"I was getting good looks but wasn't able to knock any of them down. Thankfully we were able to knock just enough down and that just goes to show you that when you guard like that you can stay in any game. We were fortunate to play as well defensively as we did tonight because we weren't shooting the ball well. (We are) so proud that we were able to stay with it."



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Maine head coach Ted Woodward, opening remarks:

"Very proud of my guys. I just thought we fought. Unfortunately we just couldn't get a couple buckets when we needed to in the second half. Probably two plays one way and two plays not the other way, turned the tide. Our seniors out there, Andrew and Radio, showed great leadership and we followed their lead right from the start and I thought we made them work hard for every single basket they got tonight. Obviously disappointed it just wasn't enough."

Maine senior guard Andrew Rogers, on playing without Gerald McLemore:

"I thought we adjusted pretty well. Naturally we would have loved to have [Gerald] out there. We picked up the slack, we played well, moved the ball well. It was definitely something we realized that he wasn't out there but it's not something we were really concerned about because we are a team. We all talked to him before the game, we knew he was definitely rooting for us."

Maine sophomore forward Alasdair Fraser, everyone stepping up:

"Just like Andrew said, [Gerald] stretched the defense. I think everyone stepped up and did a great job. [Pollard] stepped up and played well. Radio played well and everyone stepped up with [Gerald] out."