



**2012 America East Men's and Women's Basketball Championship  
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**Saturday, March 3: West Hartford, Conn.: Men's Quarterfinal #3  
Final Score: #3 Boston University 49, #6 Hartford 53**

**Hartford head coach John Gallagher, opening remarks:**

"First I'd like to congratulate the Boston U. seniors, those gentleman represent what is great about this league. I have a lot of respect for those guys and Joe Jones who has done a tremendous job in his first year. The game, it was not pretty, it was a defensive battle, it was possession by possession and we were fortunate to make a few plays at the end of that game."

**Gallagher on the maturity of the team:**

"We are such different team. We have toughness, we have poise, Andres has really developed into a leader. November and December I was not worried about winning and losing. I was worried about the attitude and the direction of the program. And I think we are 9-9 since January 1 now. And that's a tribute to my coaching staff which is following the plan and to the seniors who have made sure everyone understands the mission."

**Gallagher on the play of Sikma and Nwakamma:**

"I challenged Mark today and he had 16 rebounds tonight so he really responded. I love his poise in the post. I thought when Nate hit that first three we had to go right back to him so we did and we were fortunate enough for him to knock down back to back threes."

**Hartford senior guard Andres Torres on playing Vermont in the semis:**

"It's a tough matchup. They are big inside and have given us problems this year. But this time is different. It's the tournament. We are going to go out there and play hard. We are happy for the win tonight and get to the next play and get ready for tomorrow."

**Hartford freshman forward Nate Sikma, on the tough offensive night:**

"This year I've had to work on getting to the next play. In college you can't keep dwelling on past mistakes. Right after that foul I told myself there were more plays to be made, my teammates found me open and I made some shots."

**Boston U. head coach Joe Jones, opening remarks:**

"Really have to pay respect to Coach Gallagher and his squad. They really played well, played hard. It was a very physical and hard fought game. We are pretty shaken by the loss right now. (I have) a lot of respect for Coach Gallagher and his kids. I think they played very well."



**Boston U. senior guard Darryl Partin, on the struggles tonight:**

“Hartford’s a good team. They played really hard, came out with a lot of energy. Coach Jones has been telling us all year we have to come out with a lot of energy and intensity and we didn’t. This is on the upperclassmen, we are supposed to get everyone going and we didn’t do

a very good job of that tonight.”