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Saturday, March 4: West Hartford, Conn.: Women's Semifinal #1

Final Score: #1 Boston University 61, #5 UMBC 77

UMBC Head Coach Phil Stern, opening remarks:

"I couldn't be more proud of our kids. We've had an up and down year, rocky road year for us. We were disappointed in our regular season but everyone was great tonight and we did exactly what we wanted to do against them. We knew there was a night coming when we were going to make some 3s and that happened today, we were 7 for 13, but Kris Coles is the reason we are here. She played incredible tonight."

Stern on Kristin Coles' effort on Alford:

"We play Kris Coles on the best offensive player every night and there was no doubt for us that she was going to contain [Alford]. You can't stop her for the whole game because she is a great player but Kris is the best defensive player around and one of the better athletes at the mid-major level and we just knew she would be able to contain her without us having to help."

Stern on playing in the finals:

"We would much rather a quick turnaround. What Katie has done with Albany is incredible, winning with the same players she inherited, going 14-2 in our league which is very difficult to do. We played two different games against them this year. Up there they handled us pretty well and at our place we controlled the second half and they made a great comeback at the end to beat us. Binghamton gave us a lot of trouble, some tough matchups. If they win then we get a home game. Either way we are fine with who we are playing. What a difference a year makes, last year we were as down as you can be, and now we are as high as you can get."

UMBC senior guard Michelle Kurowski, on her night:

"Coach told me before the game, the whole team, shoot with confidence and there is going to be a night when we will shoot lights out from 3 and that happened to be today. Once one went in you just keep shooting, you feel it, you have that rhythm so that's basically what happened and it was contagious for the rest of the team which is awesome."

UMBC junior forward Kristin Coles, on the team effort:

"We are very team oriented, make the extra pass and it showed today. We took care of the ball and that led to baskets for us."



Boston U. head coach Kelly Greenberg, opening remarks:

"It's obviously a tough and disappointing loss for our program. Give UMBC a lot of credit today. They made a lot of shots and we didn't and it really came down to that. Throughout the season we have been very consistent on and off the court, we are a character team and a team that I really enjoy being around, that's why this loss is even harder. I'm very lucky to be with this team every day. It's a very sad day for them and we really deserved and wanted to keep moving forward and it just didn't happen today. It's a sad day for BU basketball."

Boston U. senior guard Alex Young, on UMBC making shots:

I think we had a lot of uncharacteristic defensive lapses throughout the game. Our defense is really something we pride ourselves in and we just didn't come through on the defensive end and that is really what killed us today.

Boston U. junior guard Chantell Alford, on the defensive effort tonight:

"It is hard to beat a team three times and UMBC made a lot of shots today and we didn't. And there is really nothing you can do about another team making shots. It was just a tough game all around and defensively it just wasn't our best game."