



**2012 America East Men's and Women's Basketball Championship
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**Sunday, March 4: West Hartford, Conn.: Men's Semifinal #1
Final Score: #1 Stony Brook 57, #4 Albany 55**

Stony Brook head coach Steve Pikiell, opening remarks:

"Thank the University of Hartford. You do a great job hosting it. Albany was terrific today and it was a great college basketball game. Fortunately we came out on top. Guys stepped up and we played great defense. We held Albany 20 points under its season average and outrebounded them by a lot and we needed every one of them. I'm real pleased with the outcome and we look forward to going home."

Pikiell on the last play:

"Made sure we got the ball up in time just so we could get a second shot at it. Wanted to give the ball to Dave because he's an extremely creative player and he got the shot up. And Dallis made a big play. He's had a great senior year. I think he's the most improved big guy in the league. Defensively he's our best player. It was great that he was able to get that last play for us. Great win for us."

Pikiell on playing the title game in the arena:

"We've been one day at a time. I think Jim Fiore's got a lot of work to do. Wherever we have to play, we've been on the road a ton this year, these two were on neutral sites. It's great for our community, it's great for our university. Stony Brook is a tremendous university. Our community is going to support us, students will come out and be at the game and it will be a great environment wherever we play."

Stony Brook junior forward Tommy Brenton, on Albany:

"They had a great gameplan and each player stepped up big for them. Iati at the end hit the three to tie it up and Guerrier hit four 3s throughout the game so they had their game plan, stuck with it and had some success."

Stony Brook senior forward Dallis Joyner, on the last play:

"Coach drew it up for Dave to get a shot up and when I tipped it I didn't think it would count because I heard the horn go off for the shot clock. But when I went up I still saw time running off the game clock and I knew it was good."

Stony Brook senior guard Brian Dougher, on playing the title game at home:

"It's huge. We've enjoyed a lot of home success over the past few years, especially this year. Undefeated at home so going back in front of our fans means a lot to us as players and as coaches and we're real excited about it."



Albany head coach Will Brown, opening remarks:

“First off I’d like to congratulate Stony Brook. They were the best team throughout the regular season. They’ve got men across the board up front. We thought we were going to win the game for sure, if we could just rebound. And if you look at the stat sheet, 45-26, advantage Stony Brook. I feel for my guys because when they heard the shot clock buzzer they thought it was the game buzzer. Joyner made a nice play. I was like what happened? Proud of my guys, very resilient group and this group over the last two weeks made me really proud as a head coach. We lost to the best team in the league and I think they’ll prove that next week whoever they play.

Albany junior guard Gerardo Suero, on the last play:

“I thought the game was over. I heard the horn go off. Then Joyner made the tip and once I saw the game clock and not the shot clock I knew the game was over.”

Albany junior guard Mike Black, on the last play:

“I didn’t even see the play because I was blocking out Coley. I prayed he didn’t make the shot and he didn’t but I didn’t even see the play to be honest.”