



**2013 America East Men's & Women's Basketball Championship Presented by SEFCU  
Men's Quarterfinal #4: #4 Albany 50, #5 Maine 49**

**Albany Coach Will Brown's opening remarks:**

I think Maine was the most dangerous team out of everybody in this conference tournament because they have two second team all-conference guys: [Justin] Edwards led the conference in scoring, [Alisdair] Fraser is as good as any big man in the league, so we knew we are going to have our hands full. Maine beat a lot of great teams this year, we just needed to play well. We didn't play well but we fought, and we rode the back of the best non-conference player of the America East, Sam Rowley, who was absolutely outstanding and it's about surviving at this point of the year, and we know we are going to be heavy underdogs tomorrow and we will embrace that role but we will play hard and hopefully well.

**Albany's Sam Rowley on an outstanding game and not being named to an all-conference team:**

I am not mad, it's a talented conference. I was just little disappointed for our team because we have Jacob [Iati] on the edge of one of those teams and he is a very talented player. But it doesn't really faze me much. I was just one of a lot of options we had this game. We have players that can step up at any moment, I was just lucky that was me tonight. But both Mike [Black] and Jacob [Iati] have done it before; we are a real team.

**Albany's Mike Black and Jacob Iati on Sam Rowley and getting Stony Brook:**

**Mike:** He won us a game, point blank. I think he should have been all conference and he proved that tonight. He won us the game...Stony Brook has knocked us out for the past three years in the tournament. They are a good team; they are athletic. But we will be ready for them. We have a chance to win. **Jacob:** Like Mike [Black] said, Sam [Rowley] put the team on his back and it's great to have a player like that that can make huge plays like that. We don't care how we win, who's the hero. We just need to win tomorrow.

**Jacob Iati on the first half:**

They made a lot of shots, we were a little over anxious and we missed some easy shots at the beginning. The second half we played with more sense of urgency on defense and that was obviously good for us.

**Everyone on the fans and their support:**

**Rowley:** The crowd was fantastic tonight, we can say that enough. We play for each other and we play for our school, and I know there will be a similar crowd tomorrow. **Coach Brown:** Our fans are amazing, I heard there are at least 600 kids outside of my office waiting for some more tickets. We appreciate it a lot and they definitely helped us a lot tonight.

**Coach Brown's closing statement:**

We wanted to make [Justin] Edwards work, we know he was frustrated because he didn't get the first team all-conference, and it was all over social media. We knew he was going to be aggressive. Gary made him work for sure. We were very lucky tonight, we fought, we changed a lot of things and that is why we won. We tried to keep everything simple because we had so much pressure on us as hosts. I told our guys this week. All eight teams want to win. But only we are home. We need to start strong, feel good about ourselves. It sounds simple, but it's not. They [Stony Brook] have Tommy [Brenton] who can win the entire game without scoring at all. We will work on our match up tonight and be ready to face them tomorrow.

**Maine Head coach Ted Woodward's opening statement:**

Obviously I thought it was a very hard fought basketball game. I'm extremely proud of our guys. I thought we fought right from the opening buzzer right to the end. Unfortunately, a couple things didn't go our way. I thought we really deserved to win the basketball game. Give Albany credit; they came up with the big plays when they needed to. I'm extremely proud of how hard our guys played throughout the course of the game. Obviously we're extremely disappointed that it's not going to show up on the scoreboard.

**Maine Guard Xavier Pollard on his defense:**

The defensive scheme was to stop Iati and Black. That was just my main focus going in, just playing good defense.

**Coach Woodward on feeling good about Edwards getting three looks at the end:**

I thought he found his way to the basket. The first time, he got an opportunity for a tip-in right after that and he had a good clean look at the basket the last shot of the game. Obviously we trust him, he's a tremendous player, he's done a great job for us. He's been able to make a lot of those shots throughout the year. We've had a lot of big games, and he's come up with some big shots.