



**2013 America East Men's & Women's Basketball Championship Presented by SEFCU  
Women's Semifinal #2: #1 Albany 71, #5 New Hampshire 57**

**Albany Head Coach Abrahamson-Henderson's opening statement:**

We held in the first half, we stayed focused, second half we made an adjustment especially on number 24 [Cari Reed], we just kept Eb [Ebony Henry] on her the entire time and Julie [Forster] so she only scored 2 points in the second half. She is a great player and we did a great job stopping her, Eb guarded her and that was our game plan. The only senior that is not up here is Keyana Williams and she had an amazing game today. And also Lindsey [Lowrie] was guarding number 20 [Kelsey Hogan] a lot, she didn't hit as many threes as she likes. We just wanted to stick together. It's about sticking together and that's what we did today.

**Albany's Ebone Henry on tough shooting game:**

It was definitely nerves, not being able to play the first game, but I had games like that before. I just needed to get to the basket and when I did I needed to get those free throws so that's how my game was today.

**Albany's Julie Forster and Lindsey Lowrie on playing the championship game at home:**

**Julie:** It's just really exciting, playing at home is amazing. We are just excited to get ready this week and be ready for Hartford.

**Lindsey:** It's always great playing at home. It's a great atmosphere and I can't wait to do it again this year.

**Lowrie on stepping up today:**

I just wanted to win really bad, and I didn't want this to be my last game, that's what went through my head the entire game.

**Coach Abrahamson-Henderson on next week's expectations and being undefeated:**

We don't fight it; it is the media and everyone around us. I tell everyone don't read the paper don't go on Twitter, don't go on Facebook, don't go on anything because we need to stay focused on us. Obviously it's going to be a great game because Hartford is a great team. Ebone says she's not thinking about it yet, but she'll start thinking about it, they all will. We'll take one day off or two and we're going to start getting ready. Everyone knows everyone and everyone has played each other. These seniors have played each other for four years. Jen Rizzotti is a great coach and I think it is going to be a great game for the America East – just a great game to showcase to great teams, both great coaches and both great programs. I really respect the way she runs her

program too. But there are a lot of things that the media can take away from this game. We have to remember that they are great players, great student athletes and great women.

I don't think about being undefeated but rather who they are playing and what they have to do. They play to win and not to lose. I try to carry all the stress for them and try to let them have fun and play. They're going to get fired up...it's Hartford. They're excited to play them and they're fired up that the game is at home and we will be ready to go.

I want them to enjoy this journey all the time. When I played college basketball I didn't enjoy it. There were days we were number one in the country and I wanted to be done and I don't want them to be done and that they don't care. So that's my goal all the time; to keep them excited about basketball. Let them be young women, go through classes and have fun and we'll do some fun things this week and have them enjoy these moments. These are the moments that they are going to remember for the rest of their lives.

**New Hampshire Head coach Maureen Magarity's opening statement:**

Obviously, it was a tough fought game. I thought it was a good game. Really proud of our girls, how we came out and I was really proud of our energy and we really executed our game plan. It was a good game and I couldn't be prouder of our seniors. It was one of those up and down years and it was really an accomplishment to get to the semifinal round.

**New Hampshire Guard Cari Reed on how UNH matched up with Albany:**

We know Albany. They have everything to lose and our team...we don't have anything to lose. I guess we just go out with a lot of energy when we play Albany. A lot more just because we know we're expected to lose. Today we played like we weren't expected to lose. That makes all the difference in the world with us. Honestly, there was not a time in the game where I thought we were going to lose.

**Reed on Albany's Ebone Henry:**

You know Ebone's a great player. We stopped her again at our house on senior night. It's not like we thought we couldn't do it. We've done it before. When she's having a tough shooting night, and we're making defensive plays like that, sure, it gets our momentum going.