



**2014 America East Men's & Women's Basketball Championship Presented by SEFCU
Men's Semifinal No. 1: #4 Albany 67, #1 Vermont 58,
Postgame Quotes**

Albany's Coach Will Brown opening statement:

I am proud of my guys. I am the one coach in this league who is dumb enough to have wanted Vermont. We wanted this game. I have a tremendous amount of respect for their program. I am proud of my guys. They executed the game plan to a T. We talked about doing a great job on their perimeter guys, doing a great job on the glass, and making them defend. We watched so much film and we missed so many opportunities during the regular season when we played them. We did a very good job sharing the ball offensively, and we were very unselfish on both ends of the floor. Peter carried us offensively in the first half and then the second half we had tremendous balance. My team impressed me today. I am proud of them. I did not get a rebound, a block or score a point. These guys should be proud and enjoy it for the rest of today.

Albany's Peter Hooley on how it feels to have another chance to dance:

It feels great. It is what you work all year for. As soon as you start preseason, as soon as you step on the court, everyone has this one goal in mind. We lost a lot of returners, but we have tried to get the new guys to embrace it. Now, we are here. We have one more to go, but I am so proud of my team.

Albany's Sam Rowley on his feelings to have the chance to dance again:

It is tremendous. The season was a bit up and down for us, but we know this win will erase any doubts from previous games. We got a taste of it last year and we liked it.

Albany's Coach Will Brown on past losses:

We rise to the challenge. We have learned from our conference losses and our conference sufferings. I did believe that we could win this game. We just had to play very well. Everyone in the arena was excited at halftime, but I am one of those guys sitting there thinking "Oh no." Because I knew they (Vermont) had a run in them. But we rise to the occasion. We played really well. I cannot say it enough how proud I am of my guys because it would have been easy for them to fold when Vermont went on that run second half. Our guys just relaxed. They just kept fighting and playing. I am proud of them.