



**2014 America East Men's & Women's Basketball Championship Presented by SEFCU  
Women's Quarterfinal #2: #3 New Hampshire 85, #6 Vermont 79  
Postgame Quotes**

**New Hampshire Coach Maureen Magarity's opening statement:**

I'm thrilled we found a way to pull that game out. A tremendous amount of credit to Vermont. I really felt that they came prepared today; their game plan was great. They really shot the ball well, they rebounded the ball very well, and, to be quite honest with you, we are lucky we came away with a win today. Our leader, captain pulled through at the end of the game like she always does, Kelsey [Hogan] and survived an advance like this today, and obviously we are going to have a tough game on Sunday.

**New Hampshire's Ariel Gaston on their adjustments for a comeback:**

We picked up our defense from the first half, and I think throughout the entire season that is what we pride ourselves on, being a defensively tough team. Once our defense started clicking that's what really leads to our offense, and from that point we were just rolling.

**New Hampshire's Coach Maureen Magarity on the team's shots in the second half:**

I think we did a much better job of taking care of the ball and really getting the most out of our possessions. The first half we took a lot of shots, very uncharacteristic of us. Our shot selection was a little poor, so we were much more patient on the offensive end. We got the ball inside out a lot, we slowed down, we read the defense, we moved the ball well, and that's credit to the girls. It was as simple as that. I just told them to slow down and they made the adjustment.

**New Hampshire's Kelsey Hogan on what they expect from Stony Brook:**

It's always a great matchup when we play Stony Brook. I know they have a chip on their shoulder from the last semi-final game, but also we have a chip on our shoulder from losing to them in the last conference game. Last time we played them at their court in the conference so it's going to be a battle. Two great teams, so there will be a great battle and a great game to watch.



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**Vermont Coach Lori Gear McBride opening statement:**

I am really proud of our team and the really great effort we put forth today. I am disappointed in the outcome but the growth we have made this season isn't necessarily apparent in the wins column. We battled, we never gave up and we got so much better from the beginning of the season to the end. Jordan (Eisler) had a tremendous game tonight. Niki (Taylor) and Kayla (Burchill) both were so strong. Sam (Simononis), just as our toughest leader, has a lot to be proud of in terms of what she has given the team over her four years of her career.

**Vermont's Sam Simononis on her emotions playing in her last game:**

It's pretty tough trying to collect my emotions. I am so proud of the team. We kept fighting and I wouldn't have it any other way. I am just so proud of the girls. We wanted this win, but I think this is a good start for next season. Just to feel this loss and make sure the girls next year take it personal and come out with a fire. I am so proud of them and I am looking forward to their season next year.

**Vermont Coach Lori Gear McBride on how she will use this loss to come back next season:**

Absolutely, we will use this. I can't tell you how proud I am of the effort and the growth that we have made. Having Kylie (Butler) out for a while, as well as Kayla (Burchill), we have had so many different lineup changes. We also had Sam (Simononis) out for a good month. Being able to put together these last six games, despite the injuries, you can really see the light bulb go on for a lot of these girls on how we want to play, what we need to do to be successful, the toughness and the level of competitiveness that we need to win. Now, our team gets it. You can be sure that I am going to use this every single day in the offseason, to remind them, to help motivate us, so we can turn the corner next year.