



**2014 America East Men's & Women's Basketball Championship Presented by SEFCU
Men's Quarterfinal No. 2: #4 Albany 86, #5 UMBC 56
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UMBC Coach Aki Thomas's opening statement:

Tough way to end our season. I'm still extremely proud of the guys that came up here to fight against a very good and coached Albany team. We knew that it would be a challenge for us, undermanned, undersized but we definitely showed courage too out here and played as hard as we could. Praise to Albany for hitting a bunch of shots and plays, and for advancing.

UMBC's Quentin Jones on his UMBC basketball career:

I've been truly blessed to come on as a walk on, and now be a starter, scholarship player. It has been a long road and I want to thank my coaches, parents and everybody with me. It means a lot to me that hard work really pays off.

UMBC's Coach Aki Thomas on preparing for the game with fewer players:

We had time to prepare without the three of them. We had three days to prepare them. So as far as it affecting the team of course it affects the team. Anytime you have players that have to sit out there is going to be change in your approach to the game and game planning. I thought we had three really good days of practice with the seven guys that showed up for the trip today, and we gave it all we had with the guys that we have.

UMBC's Rodney Elliot on making his teammates better players:

As a point guard you are supposed to make your teammates better. That is what I was trying to do today. Getting in the lane, looking and trying to create for others, but the offence was not there. Albany can play great defense, and I was trying to get guys open shots.



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Albany's Coach Will Brown opening statement:

We played with great energy on both ends of the floor. Our defense was really good outside the first couple of minutes where we threw some tempo pressure at them. That's where we gave up some easy, unprotected shots. However, once we played solid half-court defense we did a nice job, we shared the ball offensively. Our goal tonight was to play inside out, take opportunistic jump shots. It was a solid effort and I was able to play a lot of guys which is important when you have to play back-to-back.

Albany's Peter Hooley on his career high game:

It's a good feeling. I just started getting in a groove and my teammates were finding me, which allowed me to take some open shots. I was feeling good and they kept pressing our lead which makes you more comfortable when you shoot.

Albany's Sam Rowley on how the team took care of business:

Just to get a great team win, we were flying on all cylinders as they say. Everybody played. Those aspects of bringing the team together will help us going forward.

Albany's Coach Will Brown on how he feels about playing Vermont:

We would jump on the bus and go to Burlington now if we had to. Nobody says I was smart so maybe that is why I coach. They (Vermont) are really good. We are going to fight, scrape and claw. We want this game. There will be a ton of Vermont fans in the building; it is going to be a great atmosphere. I would hate to be an official during this game because it is going to be a battle. We have learned some things from the two games we played against them. I have a tremendous amount of respect for their team. Six seniors, well coached, we are going to have to find a way to beat them. For us to do that we are going to have to score the ball.