



**2014 America East Men's & Women's Basketball Championship Presented by SEFCU
Men's Quarterfinal No. 3: #2 Stony Brook 80, #7 Maine 54
Postgame Quotes**

Maine's Ted Woodward opening statement:

It was very important for us to get out to a very good start against Stony Brook; you know how physical they are as an athletic team. They are a great basketball team. Early in the game I thought they did a tremendous job defensively, they really took us out of our rhythm. We needed to break the ice a few times; we allowed them to get the transition early in the game. We were 2-for-7 from the floor and we did need a couple of those shots to go down. However, I do give them (Stony Brook) a lot of credit as an organization. They played extremely hard in the defensive end and they do a great job of the plus and minus turnover department. It is very difficult to give a team like that a 10 to 15 point advantage and play uphill basketball. They will be a serious contender for the league title. We are disappointed and would have liked to play a little bit better but I give Stony Brook a lot of credit.

Maine's Troy Reid-Knight on having the entire team returning next season:

Next year we will be much stronger because of the chemistry we have. We played well together at points and showed that we can play basketball against anyone in the America East. Next year will be a very big year for us coming back and having a chip on our shoulder.

Maine's Coach Ted Woodward on the future of Maine's Men's basketball team:

This is a team I have enjoyed coaching all the way through. I would have liked to win some more games, but they all work hard every single day. They have good chemistry. It has been a joy to work with them. We have some things that we can improve on in the future, but these guys have a lot of potential moving forward.



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Stony Brook's Coach Steve Pikiell's opening statement:

I loved the environment today. I want to thank Albany for hosting this, they did a great job. I liked our team today; I thought we had a great focus and a really good offensive basketball team. We did a really good job defending and I thought we were locked in for the whole game. We get to play tomorrow and that was our goal.

Stony Brook's Carson Puriefoy on the game plan:

Coach was stressing that we needed to pick our defense up. Maine is the highest scoring offense in the league. We held them to the fifties and that is what we stressed all week. I think we did a great job with that.

Stony Brook's Coach Steve Pikiell on the game today:

We score points, we had eighty today on the board, and it's always been about our defense. At times we have been really good twenty minutes or so. We played some great halves of defense, we are capable of doing it and today we were really locked in. They had twenty-three turnovers, we were swarming, we were athletic, and I thought we were well prepared. They did a good job being really focused. We have only talked about Maine for one game and I thought our guys did a good job today. Jameel was really active too on defense with four blocks and that gives us a different presence in the middle.

Stony Brook's Jameel Warney on obtaining an early advantage:

We still have that bad taste from last year in the semi-finals against Albany. The seniors know this is their last go around so we wanted to come out and start this up. We knew this was going to be a tough game. We were going to play good defense, have great energy, be swarming everywhere. We were going to take good shots and share the ball.

Stony Brook's Carson Puriefoy on their take away from last year's tournament games:

Jameel [Warney] and I were both freshmen last year so obviously we have learned over the course of this season and from last year's defeat. As a team we have grown, our seniors do a great job as leaders and I think this year we are a lot more focused and are ready to get it done.