



**2014 America East Men's & Women's Basketball Championship Presented by SEFCU  
Men's Quarterfinal No. 4: #3 Hartford 69, #6 Binghamton 42  
Postgame Quotes**

**Hartford's Coach John Gallagher's opening statement:**

I just want to first begin by saying that last year we lost here and we have waited 365 days to play this game. That is a long time to lose a tough game. The guy who came into my locker room last year was Tommy Denson and he picked my head up and said, "You are doing a great job here." I just want to first credit coach Denson on the job he is doing. What he did that day picked my spirits up. Secondly, for our team the focus all week was amazing. These guys know how much I love them and care about them. We talk about what the Iroquois Indians call long body. Long body is a Pete Carol from the Seattle Seahawks NFL coach. It is just being one. When someone feels something everybody feels it. It is being connected. I've been preaching this and preaching this. I scream it out during the day and say, "We need some long body here and we need to be connected." Our group is really connected right now.

**Hartford's Corban Wroe on the win and the team's performance:**

It feels good especially after we played overtime against them last time. We felt good the way we were playing. We were moving the ball and getting stops on defense so that was a pretty good feeling for us.

**Hartford's Mark Nwakamma on how they prepared to face Binghamton:**

We just focused on what should do and what we needed to do to win. We prepared all week with countless hours of film. The focus was awesome, we just knew what we had to do to win and we came out and did it.

**Hartford's Coach John Gallagher on what the key was to winning the game:**

We really game planned. We treated this like it was a football game. We took one day prepared for one thing and the next day prepared for another thing.



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It was a tough night for us. I give Hartford credit; they came and gave it to us. You learn from your experiences. It was definitely a tough night overall. You do not like to learn lessons like this that harshly. We got beat up tonight, but now we have to continue our development as a program. We will give these guys a couple of weeks off and then get back to work. There looks like there is clear separation right now between the top of the league and the bottom of the league. Unfortunately we are still in the bottom. We need to use the spring and summer to continue to grow and work our way toward the top.

**Binghamton's Jordan Reed on how this loss surprised the team after being so competitive:**

Very shocking. All of us came into this with the mindset that we were going to win. Unfortunately, we did not come out with the win at all. We need to regroup this upcoming summer and fight the upper half of the America East.

**Binghamton's Coach Tommy Dempsey on how he felt he concluded his second year:**

Although it did not look like it tonight, we are a heck of a lot further along and we are on our way, we are on our climb. It is not as rapid as we would love it to be, but we are. I feel strongly about that and I am not going to let tonight take that from us. We are a better team right now than we were a year ago and this time next year we will be a better team than we are today. How much better? That will come down to how much we are willing to invest in the off season. I think the sting of this, getting beat like we did, we will use it to fuel our fire as we get ready to take another step forward next year.