



**America East Women's Basketball Championship
Quarterfinal No. 1: No. 1 Maine vs. No. 8 Binghamton
Postgame Quotes**

MAINE

Coach Richard Barron

Opening Statement:

Give a lot of credit to Binghamton. They shot the ball, lights out. Jasmine Sina showed why she was rookie of the year. She played like a 1st team all-conference player today. I thought the crowd got into it, and they had a lot of momentum there. But we never gave a lead up and that ended up being crucial. I don't think we played our best game, and I think Binghamton had a lot to do with that. Liz made some great defensive plays down the stretch that helped us win, Bella worked hard on both ends of the floor and Mikaela did a really good job inside being a tough match up for them.

Concern at Halftime:

We had several unforced turnovers. We weren't getting shots to extend our lead and it gave them a little bit of momentum. Of course Binghamton hit some tough shots; some of the shots Sina hit were really good. It was a frustrated and intense locker-room, but it wasn't rocket science on what we needed to do. Our game plan going into this one was to pound it inside and we weren't doing it.

On Bella:

She's so athletic and has such a great balance of energy. She's lacked a bit of confidence to go out and be that great player on a team that was pretty much already established this year, but today was a breakout game from her and we needed it. She was the reason we were ahead at halftime.

Junior Forward Liz Wood

On Taking Over the 2nd half:

Mikaela and I always play well against Binghamton for some reason. But we've been playing together for three years now so we have pretty good chemistry. We showed good teamwork against their zone finding open shots, and those shots were falling for us today.

On teamwork:

What makes this team successful is the fact that every game someone different can step up to make big plays for us. Were hard to stop because if you take away one thing from us then someone else can step up.

Junior Forward Bella Swan

On Breakout Game:

In the beginning of the season we always talked about how well we wanted to play in March, and I know my teammates have been waiting on me all season to play like this... but this is when it counts. I think keeping my energy up on defense helped me on offense a lot today. Like I said, this is when it counts and we came ready to play.

BINGHAMTON

Coach Linda Cimino

Opening Statement:

I couldn't be more proud of our girls and the effort we gave today. I thought we played at the highest possible level we could today and the only better outcome would be walking away with a win. Sherae and G closed out their senior years with a fight and I couldn't be more proud of them.

On Maine:

They're good in every position. They're so hard to scout especially when they run their 5 out offense. All their players can shoot and their guards can post up. I think everyone in the Events Center knew who number 42, and 31 on Maine was just by listening to us practice all week.

On Maine Guard Liz Wood:

I can't say enough things about Liz wood. I voted her for defensive player of the year. She is my favorite player in the conference. That's what great players do; she scores when her team needs her to put the game away. She's a phenomenal player and an all-around kid. I hope in 3 years people are saying the same things about Jasmine.

On First Year at BU: Coaching is coaching. Today is the first time I've come in as an underdog. Taking it away as my first year, I've grown as a coach and learned so much. Coach Tommy Dempsey has helped me so much. It's only going to get better for Binghamton basketball, men and women. Overall I'm really proud of where we are at today. The real season starts in two weeks, in the off-season. Ending on a note like tonight, my returning players see how close we are and are hungry to learn and get better.

Freshman Guard Jasmine Sina

Final Game thoughts:

We came to the game really confident and played really unselfish today as a team. We fought hard for our 2 seniors. They put in a lot of effort over the last 4 years and I'm really proud of them.

Senior Forward Sherae Swinson*Final Game Thoughts:*

Coming into the post season everyone comes in 0-0 so we came in wanting to work hard and playing the best we could. Even though we were the last seed it didn't matter to us, it's March Madness and anything can happen.

Looking Back on her Career at Binghamton:

This last year has been amazing. My first 3 years have been tough. I can't wait to come back next year because I know they're going to play so well and I'm so proud of how the underclassmen played. I'm so happy the way my senior year ended; even though we lost we played really hard. I know they are going to do damage in the conference next year.