



**America East Women's Basketball Championship
Quarterfinal No. 3: No. 2 Albany vs. No. 7 Vermont
Postgame Quotes**

Albany

Albany Coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson

Opening Statement:

I am really pleased with our defensive effort tonight. The key to March Madness is defense, rebounding and free throws and I think we did a great job of that tonight. I felt like both teams were nervous and that we were bricking and boarding early in the game tonight. We really needed to settle down and take our time to make shots. As a coach, I felt our defense was the reason why we were successful.

On Playing Back-to-Back Games:

To be honest, we are a very fit team which is something we strive ourselves on. I think it benefits us to have back-to-back games like this because we're very athletic and train very well.

Junior Forward Shareesha Richards

On Starting the Game Slow

Like coach said early in the game, we had a lot of nerves, but once we got settled and into the flow of the game we found our groove on defense and offense. There should be no nerves on defense, you should want to play defense all the time.

On possibility of playing Stony Brook:

The past is the past; this is a new stage now so anything can happen.

Vermont

Vermont Head Coach Lori Gear McBride

Opening Statement:

Obviously not a stellar performance on our part, we're very disappointed. I Think it was pretty obvious out there that we struggled with their pressure. We got the shots we wanted early, but we did not convert. We knew in order for us to compete with Albany we had to hit shots... and when they didn't fall early in the game that deflated us. We lost our mental focus early when we got into foul trouble. Foul

trouble with a combination of our turnovers is a recipe for ugly basketball on our part.

I think it's still anyone's tournament. The competition in the league this year from top to bottom has been really good. Albany is definitely a team who knows how to win this time of year but I think that Maine is playing well; Stony Brook and Hartford are all playing really well too.