

# America East Women's Basketball Championship Quarterfinal No. 1: No. 2 Maine vs. No. 7 New Hampshire Postgame Quotes

### MAINE

Richard Barron

"A lot of credit goes to New Hampshire. They won four out of five games heading into today and made it difficult on us. A shout out to Elizabeth Belanger who has been terrific for four years and is a credit to our conference."

"It wasn't our best effort today. We lost focus on our execution. We fought hard but can execute and shoot a lot better. Sigi played great today and Liz was great on the boards and had four steals. Chantel did well and finished when Sigi drew attention from the other team."

"We had a change to really put the game away in the first half but we missed shots and we missed simple plays. Our defense and rebounding was good enough today that the missed opportunities didn't matter."

Liz Wood

"We focused defensively in the second half on limiting Belanger's touches. Collectively, we did very good defensively in the second half."

"Chantel (Charles) is a very talented player. She is very smart and I love playing with her. She does the little things that don't always look obvious

(in the stats)."

# Sigi Koizar

"It was good to see other players step up today. I tended to draw more attention (from the opposing players) and that gets other players open. Liz stepped up big for us in the second half."

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Brendan Copes** 

"Hats off to Maine, not just for this season but for the past four years. They did a great job on us defensively, whether they were playing man or zone or a mix of both. 47 points is not going to be good enough to win most of the time."

"We did as good as we could guarding Sigi but a few of their other kids got easy looks. (Mikaela) Gustafsson got wide open on a couple of possessions. We battled back, not just today but during the season. We won four of our last five games coming into the tournament."

"Maine is very well coached and has a lot of seniors. We have five freshmen and four sophomores on our roster plus two transfers. Those kids from Maine paid their dues to get to where they are and we are also heading in the right direction."

# Elizabeth Belanger

"We fought through until the end and gave a great effort. We just came up a little short. Maine has some good shooters and defensively did a good job against us."

### Stephanie Spoto

"We left it all on the court today. I am extremely proud of our team did. We battled like we have all season."