



2014 Ohio Valley Conference Men's Basketball Championship
Game 4 – Quarterfinal - #3 Eastern Kentucky 84, #6 Southeast Missouri 76
March 6, 2014 – Municipal Auditorium (Nashville, Tenn.)

Post-Game Quotes

Eastern Kentucky head coach Jeff Neubauer

"Our team did a great job in the first half defensively. There were two aspects that really made a difference. We held them to 25 points because we did not give up any transition points in the first half. SEMO loves to run, that's how they score. It's why they're averaging so many points. But Corey (Walden) did a good job on (Lucas) Nutt in the first half just stopping the break. Our other guys did a very great job of getting back. And then we finished possessions. That was a tremendous rebounding half for us and that's why we held them to 25.

"The one thing that really affected us late in the second half, they were trapping in the half court – something that shouldn't bother us a little bit. We've got great passers and great shooters, guys who understand how to play basketball. We have a system that's spread out. And for some reason we did turn it over there down the stretch. That was a little disconcerting."

Eastern Kentucky junior Corey Walden

On match up with Murray State

"We definitely remember losing to them. I wouldn't necessarily call it a revenge game. We just want to get back at it. We want to win. We just want to win the game."

Eastern Kentucky senior Orlando Williams

On slowing Jarekious Bradley

"I think defensively we just got at it. Everybody was keyed in on him defensively. Me and Marcus - I should say - we were just trying to not let him get in a groove and we contested every shot. We just made him take tough shots."

Southeast Missouri Head Coach Dickey Nutt

"Well certainly I congratulate Eastern Kentucky. They put together a good game...you just can't spot a team like we did them early. I think their pressure bothered us and it really set the tone – and then we had to play catch-up the entire night. I was really proud of our guys...they really hung in there like they have all year long. We had our chances, but I was really proud of our guys and how they fought. I credit our team, and I give them (EKU) a lot of credit for a game well-played."

On the improvement of his team from last season

"First of all, everyone has gotten better...I think our league has gotten better. Personally, for our program, I've seen a bunch of young men grow to men – and not necessarily on the court – but I'm talking about everywhere...in the classroom, how to lead their lives and understand what it takes on the Division I level to be contenders. I'm proud of our team and I do feel like our future is going to be bright."

Southeast Missouri Senior Tyler Stone

"They came out of the gate with higher energy...we didn't match their intensity early on. They were just attacking the glass, but we didn't lose – we just ran out of time tonight. I'm proud of my teammates, and I just want to thank the institution of Southeast Missouri – all the love they have given me...the staff, the coaches, the fans, supporters, everybody...it's been a great four years there and I just wanted to tell everyone 'thank you', and I'm looking forward to watching these guys win next year."

Southeast Missouri Junior Jarekious Bradley

"It was real good. Coming into this tournament, I was kind of nervous and I did have the jitters a little bit, but I got it together this game. But, my first year overall, it was a whole lot better than I thought it was going to be."

Post-Game Notes

Eastern Kentucky improves to 22-9 and will advance to play Murray State on Friday night at 9 p.m. on ESPNU.

EKU is now 36-33 in the OVC Tournament and 5-4 as the No. 3 seed. The Colonels are also now 17-5 against lower seeded teams since 1975. EKU improves to 3-2 against SEMO in the tournament and 3-9 at Nashville Municipal Auditorium.

EKU entered the game ranked second in the OVC in scoring defense (70.1 ppg) while SEMO led the league in scoring at 83.3 points per game.

This marks the fourth straight season that EKU and SEMO have met in the OVC Tournament.

EKU leads the all-time series with SEMO 27-19 and have now won four straight against the Redbirds.

SEMO falls to 11-11 all-time in the tournament and 3-4 all-time as a No. 6 seed.

SEMO senior Tyler Stone finished with 17 points, marking the 45th straight game that the senior has scored 10 or more points in a game.

EKU also improves to 12-1 this season when scoring 80-plus points.