



**2014 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Basketball Championship
Game 3 – Quarterfinal - #5 Eastern Kentucky 79, #4 Tennessee State 75
March 6, 2014 – Municipal Auditorium (Nashville, Tenn.)**

Post-Game Quotes

Eastern Kentucky head coach Chrissy Roberts

"I'm going to keep it pretty simple. From day one, there's three things we've been talking about. Our attitudes. Maintaining a positive attitude, no negativity and supporting each other. We talked about togetherness; just unselfish ball. You have to be willing to make sacrifices for each other on both ends of the floor. Then we talked about our toughness, just being mentally tough, knowing the ball isn't always going to bounce our way but we have to maintain our composure and continue to fight as a team. I think this game right here really sums it up."

On play of bench

"Big time. Before we came down here we talked about trusting and believing in each other and how everyone has something to bring to the table. I'm just so proud of everybody and their efforts and what they're giving this team right now."

On Marie Carpenter getting in foul trouble in the first half

"She came off that bench on fire. I'll tell you what, sitting over there, I'm sure it made her miss it, think about some things. You see a lot of things that are taking place out there on the floor that you might not see when you're out there. She came back out ready to make a statement, definitely."

Eastern Kentucky senior Marie Carpenter

"Sitting over there, a lot of things were going through my head. I was trying to replay those fouls, the two early fouls that I got. I was just feeding into their pressure and their physicality. I knew in the second half, I knew what I had to do. Mentally, I let their pressure and physicality get into my head and I knew I had to come out strong for my teammates."

Eastern Kentucky sophomore Miranda Maples

"We just got into them more. We knew that we need to rebound to pull this game out. They are a big post team and we knew that they were going to get into the post and we needed to give it right back to them."

Tennessee State Head Coach Larry Joe Inman

"Well, it's very disappointing...I thought we played well enough to win, but it didn't come out that way. You know, we had beaten them twice before pretty good, and then we got into the tournament and things didn't go our way. We control what we can control and there are other people that control other things, so we did our job and I was proud of our kids. I thought they did a good job tonight."

On the improvement of EKV Senior Marie Carpenter's play in the second half

"Well, she got into foul trouble early of course...and the second half, you know, she's Carpenter – she's a great player and she did her due and did what she supposed to do. I don't know that we did anything any different. She got some better looks...maybe she was rested and ready to go, but she did a great job herself."

On the EKV defense in the second half

"They didn't do anything any different...we just made some bad decisions on where the ball was going. I didn't think they really changed anything on defense...we just didn't make some good decisions with the ball."

On trying to defeat a team three times in the same season

"Well, it's always tough I think anytime you play someone three times, but we didn't lack for motivation. I didn't feel like that was a factor at all....there were some key plays down the stretch and some key fouls called that hurt us. There were some times we should have rebounded better and we didn't rebound like we could have at times."

Tennessee State Junior Rachel Allen

"We rely heavily on Chelsea (Hudson) and (Briana) Morrow, but we've always had the motto of the next person up. So, whoever came in...they stepped up and played hard – it just didn't come out how we wanted it to."

Tennessee State Senior Alana Morris

"Certain people stepped up and certain people hit big shots...key shots in the game. So, I didn't feel like we had any loss from them being fouled out...I still felt like we had control of the game."

Post-Game Notes

EKU improves to 17-12 on the season and advances to play UT Martin on Friday at 12 p.m.

TSU is now 6-15 all-time in the OVC Tournament and 4-4 at Nashville Municipal Auditorium.

EKU improves to 18-23 all-time in the OVC Tournament

TSU head coach Larry Joe Inman previously coached at Eastern Kentucky from 1988-08, compiling a 319-244 record while at the helm of the Lady Colonels program.

TSU and EKU have played 53 times with EKU holding a 36-17 advantage. TSU won the previous two meetings earlier this season before EKU was able to pull out the victory in the tournament.

EKU senior Marie Carpenter scored only two points in the first half while taking just two shots. The senior guard then scored 22 second half shots to help EKU rally for the victory.