



**2014 Ohio Valley Conference Men's Basketball Championship  
Game 6 – Semifinal - #3 Eastern Kentucky 86, Murray State 83  
March 7, 2014 – Municipal Auditorium (Nashville, Tenn.)**

**Post-Game Quotes**

**Eastern Kentucky head coach Jeff Neubauer**

"We've been talking to our team all season about having special efforts and I think a lot of guys gave special efforts here today. Every team in the country has been dealing with the new rules this year and so there has been more foul trouble. We've never had foul trouble to this extent to where we had Eric Stutz on the bench and fouled out. Tarius (Johnson) fouled out early in the game. Corey (Walden) played a long, long time with four fouls. Marcus (Lewis) fouled out as well so we've never had anything like that. A lot of guys stepped up. Deverin Muff snuck in at the end and did a great job contesting a shot. Jeff Johnson – all the guys that were out there at the end really were just very gutsy. Six steals by Corey Walden were a big part of the game. Offensively in the first half our guys were very effective.

**Murray State Head Coach Steve Prohm**

"Tough game...it was an exciting second half I'm sure, but credit Eastern Kentucky – I thought they came in very detail-oriented, focused and Coach Neubauer and his guys did a great job. We weren't very good at times in the first half, but ECU had a lot to do with it. You have to be very efficient and detailed – when you play them and Belmont – and we weren't...and I need to do a better job on the defensive end with our guys. We weren't great defensively the last two weeks, and it cost us a regular season championship and it cost us an opportunity to play for conference tournament championship. We put ourselves in position late – we executed some things late, so I'm proud of them for that...but we weren't good enough today and Eastern Kentucky will chop you up if you're not detail-oriented."

***On being too reliant on the three in the last two or three minutes***

"Yeah...the three's are great, but we were in the double-bonus and the bonus really early, but we really tried to keep emphasizing that we don't need the home run. I thought late we had opportunities to get paint touches, and the whistles were blowing...so we really needed to put more pressure on the basket and we didn't. We just weren't good enough defensively, but we needed to put a lot more pressure on the basket."

**Post-Game Notes**

Glenn Cosey (105) broke the school's single season record of 104 three-pointers. The record was held by Jeff McGill (1987-88) and Adam Leonard (2006-07).

The Colonels will make their first OVC Tournament championship game appearance since winning it in 2007.

This was the second straight year Eastern Kentucky and Murray State have played each other in the OVC Tournament semifinals. The Racers won last year, 81-73.

Eastern Kentucky is making its 12<sup>th</sup> straight OVC Tournament appearance. Only ECU and Murray State have appeared in each of the last 12 conference tournaments.

The Colonels are now 37-33 all-time in the OVC Tournament. Eastern Kentucky has the third-most tournament game victories.

ECU's 23 wins are the second-most in program history.

ECU is 13-1 this season when scoring 80-plus. The Colonels are 49-7 under Jeff Neubauer when scoring 80 or more.

Eastern Kentucky entered the game first in the OVC in scoring defense (70.2 ppg). Murray State entered the game fourth in scoring defense (72.5 ppg).

EKU entered the game second in the nation in turnover margin (+6.5) and finished with five fewer turnovers than Murray State on Friday.

Murray State entered the game first in the OVC in three-point shooting defense (32.9 percent). The Colonels lead the conference with 9.2 three-pointers per game. EKU made six and shot 30 percent from behind the arc.

Murray State entered the game with the lowest free throw shooting percentage in the OVC (65.1 percent), but shot 82.4 percent from the charity stripe on Friday.

Eastern Kentucky entered the game fifth in the nation in steals (271) and eighth with an average of 8.7 per game. The Colonels finished with 12 steals against Murray State.

Eastern is now 6-4 all-time as the No. 3 seed in the OVC Tournament. The Colonels are now 6-19 against higher seeded teams since seeding began in 1975.

The Colonels are now 6-7 in OVC Tournament games under head coach Jeff Neubauer.

EKU is now 4-9 in games played at Municipal Auditorium.