

2015 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Basketball Championship Game 2 – First Round - #2 SIUE 72, #7 Austin Peay 69 March 4, 2015 – Municipal Auditorium (Nashville, Tenn.)

Post-Game Quotes

SIUE Head Coach Paula Buscher

Opening Statement

"Austin Peay is a really good basketball team. Playing a team three times, it's tough to step up and get that big win. I give a lot of credit to them, but I am proud of our team coming through at the end, especially on the boards. I thought the difference in the game was our rebounding in the second half."

On the defensive effort

"We like to believe that we are a pretty good defensive team. We like to think that we have one heck of a defender in Tierny Austin and I thought she did a great job late in the game trying not to give great touches because she is such a tremendous player."

SIUE Senior Tierny Austin

On changing momentum at the end of the game

"We just wanted to be aggressive and attack the basket. We went hard and were aggressive so that effort could carry over to the defensive end."

Austin Peay Head Coach Carrie Daniels

Opening Statement

"It was a hard fought game. I think anyone who watched the game saw two teams that wanted the win; that put it all out there and fought extremely hard until that final buzzer sounded. It's a shame that someone had to lose."

On the fast start

"It was great that we came out with the energy we had. It was great to see Kristen (Stainback) get going and you could see the team's eyes light up as a spark ignited in them. It is a 40 minute game, though, and there are ebbs and flows throughout. SIUE is a tremendous team and you knew they weren't going to go away. They have the ability to come at you hard, and that's exactly what happened. We just had a couple of letdowns where we allowed some second chance points that really got to us and we didn't recover."

Austin Peay Senior Kristen Stainback

On scoring 1,000 points in the loss

"The personal accomplishment is nice, but I would have taken the win any day. I'm thankful for the opportunity we had to be here and compete. I'm grateful for my team, for the effort they gave, I know that everyone gave everything they had but it didn't turn out how we wanted. This team is going to bounce back strong next year and I look forward to seeing that unfold."

Post-Game Notes

SIUE improves to 2-2 in the OVC Tournament.

The Cougars earn a trip to the second round for the second time in program history.

With 21 made free throws, SIUE now has 494 on the season. The school record is 515 set in the 1997-98 season.

SIUE improves to 15-1 when leading or tied at halftime this season.

SIUE will play the winner of the 3/6 Tennessee State/Morehead State matchup on Friday at 2 p.m. CT.

APSU falls to 27-14 in OVC Tournament games.

APSU is now 7-5 at Municipal Auditorium with the loss.

Coach Daniels loses her fourth OVC Tournament game in her tenure at APSU.

APSU exits in the first round in their first OVC Tournament appearance since 2011-12.

APSU has lost all three games against SIUE this season, bringing the all-time series record to 7-3 in favor of the Cougars.