



**2015 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Basketball Championship
Game 3 – First Round - #4 Belmont 55, # 5 Jacksonville State 45
March 5, 2015 – Municipal Auditorium (Nashville, Tenn.)**

Post-Game Quotes

Belmont Head Coach Cameron Newbauer

Opening Statement

"It was a hard-fought game and I am very proud of the effort and perseverance we put forth. The way JSU competes and the matchups with them, we knew it was going to be a big-time game and a challenge. I am proud of our team."

On the game's final four minutes

"We have been in a lot of close games this year and we lost some close games. I think that pays off this time of year in March. We were able to know what that feeling feels like and how to execute, especially on defense... Late in the game you have to be poised and patient on offense and defense. They had a couple of possessions with a lot of offensive rebounds, but down the stretch it was all one-and-done when they shot. Our kids did a good job of boxing out."

Belmont Senior Adrienne Tarrence

On holding JSU to a season-low in points

"I think just sticking with our game plan was key. We spend a lot of time on what we are going to do and how we are going to defend. We all stuck with it the entire game."

Jacksonville State Head Coach Rick Pietri

"This is the third time we've played Belmont and Cam is a great coach. As coaches, it's our job to mess with the other coach's stuff. He is very good at messing with our stuff. I thought when we took the lead in the second half that we had broken through, but then we decided to stop guarding them. I don't have an explanation as to why we stopped guarding them, but they took advantage of that and won the game. Big picture-wise, we defended real well. We held them to 55 points, so we did what we set out to do on defense. We just had too many kids on our team who couldn't make plays in tight spot. The bottom line was they wanted it a little more than we did. The degree doesn't have to be a lot, just a sliver more makes all the difference. We fought hard for 95% of the game, but that 5% that we didn't got us today."

Post-Game Notes

JSU falls to 4-8 in the OVC Tournament.

The Gamecocks suffered their 11th overall loss to the Bruins and the ninth in their last 10 meetings.

JSU exits the Tournament in the first round for the first time since 2009.

45 is the lowest point total of the season for the Gamecocks.

Coach Pietri is now .500 in the OVC Tournament (2-2).

JSU falls to 3-3 at Municipal Auditorium.

BU closed the game on a 15-7 run.

Belmont improves to 3-2 in OVC Tournament games.

BU's Cameron Newbauer improves to 2-1 in the OVC Tournament.

BU is now 12-4 this season when leading at halftime.

Belmont moves on to face No. 1 seed UT Martin on Friday at 12 p.m.

JSU finished the first half on a 4:30 scoring drought.

JSU was 0-of-6 from the three-point line in the first half.

There were only three free throw attempts by both teams in the first half.