

# 2015 Ohio Valley Conference Men's Basketball Championship Game 4 – Semifinals - #1 Murray State 80, # 5 Morehead State 77 March 6, 2015 – Municipal Auditorium (Nashville, Tenn.)

### **Post-Game Quotes**

### **Murray State Head Coach Steve Prohm**

Opening Statement

"I'm proud of our guys. Have to give a lot of credit to Morehead State, they really finished the year strong and gave us one tough game. Our guys have a strong resolve. We wouldn't have won this game in November, but thanks to the adversity that these guys have gone through, they were ready for the challenge. Hopefully we can finish this off tomorrow."

On the Timeout He Called After Morehead State Pushed their lead to 10

"I didn't say much. These guys will tell you, I don't say a whole lot in those timeouts. I think T.J. did all the talking, and that's what you want. It's a player's game, so when you have players who can step up and speak out in that situation, then that is what you want."

## **Murray State Sophomore Cameron Payne**

On his Go-Ahead Three

"I just saw the defender after I came off the ball screen. I wasn't thinking about the score or anything else except for the gap that I had to work with thanks to my teammate setting the screen for me. I just took the shot and God put it in for me."

# **Morehead State Head Coach Sean Woods**

Opening Statement

"It's disheartening right now for us. I am proud of my guys, but you have to give you hat off to Murray State who has weathered the storm. You have to give you hat off to Cameron Payne who hit three big threes, probably the biggest threes of his life and that is why he is Player of the Year. My guys fought... I don't look at my teams as losers tonight because they did everything we needed to do to win the basketball game."

On taking the lead in the second half

"We settled down. I knew that we could drive on them, but we had to drive them from different areas. We were trying to drive from the top and we weren't getting any movement, so we were really predictable. In the second half we tried to get some movement and misdirection so we could get those bigs chasing us... We also started getting stops on the other end."

#### **Morehead State Senior Kareem Storey**

On his team's effort

"We played extremely hard. It's like coach said: 'someone had to win and someone had to lose'. It is tough that we had to lose, but we gave it our all and we left it all out on the court. Hats off to Murray State; they hit big shots and they deserve it."

### **Post-Game Notes**

Murray State advances to play the winner of 2/3 Eastern Kentucky/Belmont tomorrow at 6 p.m. Winner will be crowned OVC Champion.

The Racers improve to 64-34 in the OVC Tournament.

MSU is now 11-7 at the Municipal Auditorium.

Steve Prohm improves to 4-2 in OVC Tournament contests.

The Racers have won 25 games in a row.

Murray State now leads the all-time series, 108-47.

Murray has won the last six meetings.

Jarvis Williams recorded his 25<sup>th</sup> career double-double with 23 points and 10 rebounds.

Morehead State falls in the semifinals for the second-consecutive year.

The Eagles drop to 31-41 in OVC Tournament play.

Sean Woods is now 4-3 in the tournament.

The Eagles are 8-8 at Municipal Auditorium.

Morehead State lost its fifth-consecutive game to a ranked opponent.

Morehead had an 11-0 run from 10:44-7:47 to take the lead in the second half.

The Eagles made one of their last eight shots in the game.