



2015 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Basketball Championship
Game 5 – Semifinal - #1 UT Martin 71, #4 Belmont 65
March 6, 2015 – Municipal Auditorium (Nashville, Tenn.)

Post-Game Quotes

UT Martin Head Coach Kevin McMillan

Opening Statement

"It was a tough ballgame. I thought we did a good job defensively, unless you look at the numbers. We made two or three mistakes but they made a shot each time. We made two or three big plays to combat that, though, and Jessy (Ward's) shot was huge. She gets into the gym every morning at 6 AM and practices her shot. I think she has practiced that shot, actually. We needed a play and she stepped up for us."

On Ashia Jones' 39 Points

"Belmont did everything they could to guard her. They mixed up defenders, put different sized players on her to try and create a mismatch, but she just made a ton of great decisions. We needed her to put up big numbers, and she did. We've had a lot of girls step up, throughout the year, and put up big numbers. We ask a lot out of all of our kids and if we feel there is a certain direction we want to go then we have the players who can handle that. Today just happened to be Ashia's day."

UT Martin Senior Ashia Jones

How He Felt About the Game

"It's the semi-finals, so it's do-or-die. If coach tells me to pound the ball inside, that's what I'm going to do. I kept having success in this game, so it turned out good."

Belmont Head Coach Cameron Newbauer

Opening Statement

"It was a great game from a fan's perspective. You had two teams just going back-and-forth. I know most of the game we were down a couple of possessions, but the way we fought to get back... it was fun. We didn't end up on the right end in our minds but [UTM] made some big plays. The three that they hit at the end of the game was a huge play."

Belmont Senior Adrienne Tarrence

On getting the game within three, late

"There was a lot of excitement. We had gone back-and-forth a lot, so to come that close that late in the game, our adrenaline was pumping. It was a very fun game to be a part of."

On getting off to a good start

"I think it was important to come out with a lot of energy. We emphasized that in the pregame. We knew we had to come out and try to throw the first punch, so coming out and being fired up was very important for us."

Post-Game Notes

UT Martin improves to 19-11 in OVC Tournament play.

Coach McMillan moves to 12-1 at the Tournament.

UT Martin will play the winner of 2/3 SIUE/Tennessee State tomorrow at 1 p.m. for the team's fifth-consecutive OVC Championship game appearance.

UTM's Ashia Jones scored 39, just two short of the OVC Tournament single-game record.

The Skyhawk's Ashia Jones broke the school record for made field goals with 275. Heather Butler (2011-12) previously had the record.

UT Martin had two turnovers in each half.

UT Martin ends Belmont's season for the second-consecutive year. The two sides met in the OVC finals in 2014.

Belmont falls to 2-3 in OVC Tournament games.

BU coach Cameron Newbauer drops to 2-2 in OVC Tournament contests.

Belmont's bench outscored its starters, 19-15, in the first half.

BU's Frankie Joubran eclipsed the 500 career rebound plateau with nine today. She now has 501 for her career.

Belmont's Jordyn Luffman Hartsfield netted 17 points to break the 1,000-point barrier. She now has 1,002 for her career.