



**2015 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Basketball Championship
Game 7 – Championship - #1 UT Martin vs. #3 Tennessee State
March 7, 2015 – Municipal Auditorium (Nashville, Tenn.)**

Post-Game Quotes

Tennessee State Head Coach Larry Joe Inman

Opening Statement

"Incredible. It's an incredible feeling, an incredible accomplishment for these ladies, for a program at Tennessee State University, but most of all for these young ladies and their lives. It's like the films and movies you see, the overcoming of adversity that happens. We kept talking about what we wanted to do and how we were going to do it. We made plans to win today, and we won. We played well, we didn't play as well as I'd like, but we had good defense and timely shooting. These players sitting next to me, Chelsea (Hudson) and Rachel (Allen), I am so happy for them. This is such a huge accomplishment for them. It is incredible what these kids have done, how they've prepared, how they have practiced, and how they have worked for this. They won because of hard work and dedication, loving each other, supporting each other, and having each other's back. We had to have that to beat a great program like UT Martin, and we did."

Tennessee State Junior Brianna Lawrence

About her Confidence about the win

"First I just want to say, all glory goes to God. I felt like we had it, from going into overtime to when we were down, I never stopped believing. Like coach said, we had on our board the word believe, and we, as a team, never stopped believing."

Tennessee State Senior Chelsea Hudson

On the Steal she Gave them the Ball Late in OT

"When you put your mind to something and you really believe, you can accomplish anything. I guess me tipping the ball away and Rachel (Allen) being right there in the perfect position at the perfect time was us working as a team. It was a team thing. Our team made other key stops that put us in the position to win. Cannot be more thankful for my team."

Tennessee State Senior Rachel Allen

On the three-pointer she hit late in OT to put TSU up by four

"That shot, I was open, I saw the basket, and I thought *I've got to make this*. I had to make it for my team, for the win. That was nothing but God, believe it or not, and I am just so thankful."

On TSU's First Tournament Appearance in 20 Years

"The most beautiful thing for me is, Chelsea (Hudson) and I are seniors, so we get to go out on top. We've been through a lot, you wouldn't believe me if I told you our story, especially this year. To get a championship our senior year, I can't describe that. I get to tell my children and my children's children about that, and I can't fathom that right now."

UT Martin Head Coach Kevin McMillan

Opening Statement

"It was a very, very hard fought game and extremely physical. The game to me was decided in the first 10 minutes. You could tell it looked like they wanted it worse than we did and jumped out big on us. I give our kids a lot of credit they fought back and had a chance to win in last 30 seconds. I feel sorry for our kids, they played hard, but give Tennessee State credit they did what they need to do to win. You can't discount what a senior mean to a team and (Rachel) Allen and (Chelsea) Hudson being seniors was a big deal."

On the Ashia Jones' Turnover Late in OT

"We talk about someone has to make a play and (Rachel) Allen made a play and stripped Ashia (Jones), who may have spun back and been able to make a play, but we will never know. They killed us on the boards, they got 17 offensive rebounds and at the end of the day, we just couldn't get them off the glass. We tip our hat to them, they've had a great run and they've been playing great."

Post-Game Notes

TSU wins the OVC Tournament for the first time in 20 years.

The Lady Tigers earn their first NCAA Tournament berth in 20 years.

Coach Inman wins his third OVC Tournament Title and first with TSU. His other two were with Eastern Kentucky.

TSU is 3-0 in the OVC Championship Game.

This is just the 4th time a No. 3 Seed has won the Tournament.

Brianna Lawrence was named Tournament MVP

TSU improves to 9-15 all-time in the Tournament.

Coach Inman wins his 23rd overall OVC Tournament game.

The Lady Tigers are now 7-4 at Municipal Auditorium.

UT Martin falls to 19-12 in the OVC Tournament.

Coach McMillan suffers his second career loss in the Tournament.

UT Martin is now 3-4 at Municipal Auditorium.

This is the first loss suffered by the Skyhawks in the OVC Tournament since 2010.