

**Interim Head Coach Wade Scott
Houston**

Opening Statement:

"I was really proud of our kids. I thought they really came out and played hard. I have to give a lot of credit to Memphis—I thought their kids really fought towards the end. I know Ariel Hearn hit so many threes—I thought they were going to come back and get us there for a minute. I was just extremely proud of our kids."

On strategy after first media timeout:

"I thought we got great looks—we just missed layups. Our main thing was just to stay with what we were doing, and we just needed to score."

On advancing to the next round:

"It beats going home tomorrow. I'm ecstatic that our kids played well, and hopefully we can continue."

Sophomore, Marche' Amerson

On feeling heading in to tomorrow's game:

"My teammates got me the ball, and I just tried to convert. A lot of credit goes to Bianca Winslow—she came in with a lot of fire and she really got us going."

On mindset during final minutes of the game:

"I just kind of saw that we were struggling a little bit and I tried to come to the ball and use my speed to get it over so we didn't get a ten-second count."

**Head Coach Melissa McFerrin
Memphis**

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"First of all I would like to congratulate Houston, I thought they played very well this evening I'm sure they stack that performance up against some of theirs this year, they're probably very proud of that performance. I felt like we got off to a very sloppy start, both offensively and defensively, they had some young ladies that hit 3's that may or may not have been great 3-point shooters, but none the less they got off to a good start early so our game plan went out the window. I thought we lost a couple of their 3-point shooters, and honestly I thought Houston did a really nice job, I thought played very, very hard defensively, made it difficult for us to find the looks we wanted. We battled on the boards but we let the game get away from us in the second half points spread became too high and then of course the two offensive rebounds on the free-throws kinda sealed our fate."

**Sophomore Guard Ariel Hearn
Memphis**

Describe your first season playing in this conference.

"Playing in this conference has been a great experience, I loved it playing with my teammates and playing for my coaches. But I would say this year was a learning experience for me as well for my team. Like coach said, we have to get in get ready for summer, post season workouts and come out with next conference season with a bang."