



Postgame Quotes
No. 2 Louisville 88, No. 10 Houston 43
Game 5 – Quarterfinals, March 8, 2014
Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.

Head Coach Jeff Walz
Louisville

Opening Statement:

"I thought Houston played outstanding in yesterday's game—played with a lot of passion—a lot of energy. I thought they spent a lot in yesterday's win. I think the way that we came out and attacked them may have taken the energy they had instead of giving them excitement and some energy to go at us. I think we took the wind out of their sails some with the way we started the game. I'm really pleased with our defensive effort. We've got work to do—we have to do a better job of taking care of the basketball, but for the most part just really pleased with the overall effort of all the players."

On importance of getting a fast start:

"I thought it was really important because they are a very athletic team. They drive the ball extremely well. They made a bunch of shots in yesterday's game too. They started off four of six from the three-point line. We tried to limit any open looks that they got, and I thought we did a really good job of that in the first 10 minutes."

Junior Sara Hammond

On setting school record for three-pointers in a season:

"It's pretty awesome just to be able to hit shots. I wish I would've hit more but it's okay."

Senior Shoni Shimmel

On strong offensive start:

"I told myself personally that I wanted to help my team out by getting myself energized and getting going and hopefully that could trickle over to the team and it did. It showed off like coach said. We got going early, and we kind of put them away early. In my mind, for myself, that is always like a game plan of mine is to get going early and then hopefully let that have a ripple effect on my teammates. I'm just here to contribute to my team in any way that I can. I've got to play the rest of the 32 minutes a little more consistent like the first eight minutes, but I'm just glad we got a good win tonight."

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Interim Head Coach Wade Scott
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"You got to give a lot of credit to Louisville. They did a great job. I think a measure of a great team is they take you out of what you want to do. They jumped around screens and made it difficult for us to score. [Walz] does a great job, but I'm proud of our kids. They played hard and just kind of came up short.

Putting the season into perspective:

"The season was tough. We had to heal some psyches. We had to get some people their confidence back, but at the same time this group of girls—I couldn't have asked for a better group. I know it doesn't show up on the win/loss record, but at the same time I wouldn't have done it with anyone else."

Sophomore Jessieka Palmer

Thoughts on the season:

"The season was definitely filled with ups and downs. Like coach said, it didn't go the way we planned, but at the same time through all the bad there was some good because all 14 of us who were in the locker room—we all became family. We're all sisters. I know a lot of teams say that, but we built lifetime bonds together this season."

Senior Destini Texada

On playing her final game:

"It was just like the season. We had our ups and downs throughout the season and throughout this game. We came in this tournament as the lowest ranked team and we showed everybody that we can play last night when we beat Memphis. They came out and they thought they were going to beat us and we showed up. Tonight, we tried to show up the same way. We know Louisville is a very good team, but we've been through everything. We've had adversity all year. And, if I learned anything about myself and my teammates, I know that we can take it and we can ride it out."

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