



Postgame Quotes
No. 3 USF 72, No. 6 Temple 44
Game 6 – Quarterfinals, March 8, 2014
Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.

Head Coach Jose Fernandez
USF

Opening Statement:

"We had already played Temple twice of course. We were very concerned with Fitzgerald and Williams. They went with a different lineup—they started three post players: Shipp, Thames and Robinson. We wanted to get out in transition, and I think we did that. Those first eight minutes for us—I think on the offensive end we were pressing so much, but I think our guys are really defending. We got a very good basketball team. I think the last 10 games have shown that, and I think down the stretch we are playing our best basketball and that's what we need to be playing at this time of the year. We told our guys: finishing third in this league Monday is irrelevant if you don't win this quarterfinal game and get to the semifinals. So I was very pleased on our defensive effort and how we rebounded the basketball."

On what it means to play Louisville:

"Our staff did a great job while I was out. I was not able to make it with our team to coach the Louisville game. Louisville is good. They are very, very good in a lot of different areas, and I think it's going to be a good game. It's an important game for both teams."

Junior Inga Orekhova

On taking over offensively for her team:

"We all have to do our part, so I felt like the way we played last game against them we had to do things differently like defend more and play as a team."

On having the coach there tomorrow for Louisville:

"When he wasn't there it was very different. We felt like somebody was missing. We're so used to hearing his voice—him yelling at us and telling us what to do, so it was a big piece missing."

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Temple

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"This is not the way that you want to end your season, but all credit definitely goes to USF. We were hanging in there for the first 12 minutes, and neither team really was scoring. Then they gave us that punch and started killing us on the backboards and getting out in transition. We were having a difficult time scoring. It just wore on us, and once they saw that they just started attacking us and it was no coming back. We just couldn't find the way to put the ball in the hole, and they killed us on the offensive boards."

On assessment of playing in a new conference and moving forward:

"I felt like we definitely competed. Obviously, we didn't know what to expect coming in leaving the other conference. We've played against Rutgers every year and obviously UConn, but all the other teams coming into the conference—we didn't really know what to expect. I felt like our guys competed for the most part. All season, no matter who we were playing against, I felt like we always gave ourselves a chance."

Freshman Feyonda Fitzgerald

On USF's run:

"Shots weren't falling, and I guess we just got down on ourselves. When we were getting down on ourselves, USF just took off and we couldn't get it together. By that time they were already up too much. We dug ourselves in a deep hole and so there was nothing we could do for real."

On expanding role with the team:

"I'm going to try to expand my game even more by getting in the gym more this year to prepare for next year and the two years after that."

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