



Postgame Quotes
No. 1 UConn 72, No. 8 Cincinnati 42
Game 4 – Quarterfinals, March 8, 2014
Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.

Head Coach Geno Auriemma
UConn

Opening Statement:

"The games in the tournament usually have a tendency to be much different than the ones during the regular season—when you're playing somebody for the third time. I thought it took us a little longer than I wanted to for us to get going defensively. I thought we were just okay in the beginning, but once we got that going I thought it was pretty good by our guys. All those plays that Stewart made early on—those are the kinds of plays that you need to make in the postseason to get your guys going. I thought all of our starters played really, really well."

Thoughts on matchup with Rutgers:

"They're different—they're certainly different than the Rutgers teams of the last few years. They've got a couple of really good guards that can make shots from difficult situations. They're hard to guard. They're really good in transition. The last time we played them we did a really good job of not letting them get out in the open floor and make them have to play half court, and we'll have to do that again tomorrow as well. Playing somebody for the third time—it's not either easier or harder—it's just different. It's more complicated because you just know each other a little too well. As long as we get our offense going tomorrow we'll be fine."

Junior Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis

On Andre Drummond's support:

"He's been supporting us ever since he came to UConn his freshman year. He played pickup with us a couple of times. He dunked over us a couple of times. He's a really big supporter of UConn women's basketball."

Sophomore Breanna Stewart

On offensive runs:

"I think if we could have a run the whole 40 minutes of the game we'd take that, but we're shortening the game to four minutes at a time and making sure that if they go on their run that's fine and well but we're going to go on ours."

Senior Bria Hartley

On focus in practice:

"We worked on a lot of transition and transition defense. I thought we did a lot better job of getting back and stopping them in transition. Everything we work on in practice we hope it translates into the game."

Senior Stefanie Dolson

On defensive progress:

"Defense is something that [Geno] emphasizes every day in practice. But for myself, I wouldn't have ever considered myself a great defensive player. I can't say I'm the quickest person now, but I do a good job of helping my teammates. When someone gets by them, they can always trust that I'm in the paint ready to block shots and rebound."

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Cincinnati

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"We lost to the number one team in the country. They're a pretty darn good team. I like the way my players came out to start the beginning of the game. I thought we competed the first 12 minutes of the first half for the most part, but then UConn does what UConn does. They go on those runs at different stretches of the game and once they go on the runs, when you're that opposing team, it's really hard to come back from that. We were prime candidates for that today. Overall, I really liked our effort—how well we competed—at the end of the day we lost by 30 but it was just a great opportunity for us to play against the number one team in the country in March and we're grateful for it.

Where program is heading next season:

"We're in the process now—we just graduated my first class. We're constantly trying to continue to build from a recruiting standpoint and continue to get better and better players in. We're constantly learning as coaches. We constantly want our players to get better both on and off the court. Every year we just want to get better, and I think we've been doing a good job of doing that since I've been here."

Senior Jeanise Randolph

On offensive run:

"My coaches did a lot to tell me to face up and go to the basket and get them off the move because that'll be the best way for me to score the basket. I think that our team built off of that and that's how we stayed in the game in the beginning."

Takeaways from playing a team like UConn:

"Although I'm not going to be here next year, I want to show [my team] that we need to play hard and play compassionate—play aggressive because they've got to go forward and build on to next year. I think if I play like that they're going to play like that next year and it's going to carry over and then we're going to see more success in the program."

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