



Postgame Quotes
No. 11 Houston 39 vs. No. 6 Tulane 64
Game 3 – First Round, March 6, 2015
Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.

Houston Head Coach Ronald Hughey

Opening Statement

"I just want to say this is a great venue – love the conference, love everything we represent. I wish we would've had an opportunity to play better. Looking forward to getting the opportunity to come up next year and really do better."

On what it means having most of the roster returning next year:

"Well, that's sort of misleading because we'll have a little overhaul with that just to be honest with you. I'm used to a different caliber athlete. We're going out and recruiting for that right now, so it'll be a different team next year."

On what Coach Hughey learned this year as head coach:

"It's so much that I learned that just to try to name them all is tremendous, you know. I was used to being the guy who was out on the floor helping everybody get prepared for the game on the floor – all the players – and then to transfer to the back where I'm by myself and everybody is on the floor and you're getting your mind right and all that was a challenge in the beginning. Also, the overall aspect of the program – I'm used to coaching a position, post players and things like that and then now you're over everybody. You're coaching your coaches now, and I don't get the hands on as much as I want to. It's an overwhelming and loving experience, and I wouldn't trade it for anything. I'm really, really looking forward to getting out and learning more from other experienced coaches this offseason, so I can come back and be the best coach that I can possibly be to help our young ladies be that, too."

On team camaraderie:

"They were very, very loving. It was a challenge in the beginning because they wouldn't compete because they loved each other so much. We adopted to trust and protect and empower each other, along with some team building things just to help them be the best possible person they could be and that leads to being the best teammate you can be. That's how we adopted that, and I'm glad you were able to see that from the side because that's one of the things we want them to be – the best person in life and it'll carry over to every part of your life."

Junior Guard Jessieka Palmer
Houston

On her biggest takeaways from the season:

"It was definitely different this year versus last year being able to play in Coach Hughey's system. I think the biggest thing I took out of it is that it's just a process every day. Every day you come in and work your hardest, and you get a little bit better and the next day you come in and get a little bit better. The biggest thing we took away from it is try to never take a step back."

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