



Postgame Quotes
No. 10 SMU 59 vs. No. 7 Memphis 71
Game 2 – First Round, March 6, 2015
Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.

SMU Head Coach Rhonda Rompola

Opening Statement

"I think the TO line says it all – the turnovers and the amount of points Memphis scored off of our turnovers. The start of the game has kind of been our story all year. We've struggled with starts. Today we struggled at the point guard position and just handling the basketball. We didn't make good decisions. I'm a firm believer you go as your point guard goes, and we really struggled. Gabi Wilkins, our wing at the backup point, we just didn't have the depth at that position. They did a great job of trapping us. They did a great job of creating scoring opportunities off of their defense. When you get – I believe it's 26 points – off of turnovers, that's what I call easy baskets. That's easy points. That's points that you don't have to work as hard for. You don't have to work for a half-court offense, but give them credit. They made their opportunities and they scored off of them. Ariel [Hearn] played with a chip on her shoulder. She was 10 for 12. She didn't have her best game in Memphis and she came out and does what a great player does. They go out and play the next great game."

On the biggest difference between tonight's matchup with Memphis and the last time they played each other:

"It was their trapping defense and our lack of handling the basketball. We made some poor decisions today and, like I said, our point guard was not happy with her play. Gabi Wilkins' decisions with the ball today were so erratic. I kept telling her: You got to calm down. I need you to calm down. We just were all over. We didn't have enough ball handlers today. That was the bottom line. We didn't, and I think that was the difference. Then, we dug ourselves a hole that we couldn't dig ourselves out of. We couldn't get on that 8-0, 10-0 run. We kept exchanging baskets with them. When you're down double-digits, you can't do that. I do believe we never gave up. I believe we had the fight, but that's probably the most positive thing I can say about our performance today is that we never gave up."

On Raven Short's career-high scoring performance:

"She's sitting here waiting for the last game of the season to do this stuff. I'm pissed off. Really, if you really think about it, come on. She should've been doing this all year. She's capable of doing it. She can shoot it. As a coach, I sit there and go where has that been all year. She knows I'm going to give her a hard time. I always give her a hard time, but as a coach, it drives a coach nuts honestly because she could've been doing this all year. I'm glad she did do it."

Senior Guard Raven Short
SMU

On scoring career-high 17 points in last game:

"Naturally, I went out more focused knowing it could possibly be my last game. I wasn't focused on how much I was scoring. I was just trying to fight for my teammates, with my teammates, and I was trying to battle back into the game as much as possible."

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