



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

Head Coach Lisa Stockton
Tulane

Opening Statement

"I was really happy with our intensity that we came out with tonight, games like this where it's an opponent that you've done well against in the regular season, you come out and that's really what we preached going in. We really wanted effort and I thought our intensity, especially defensively was very good. I think at halftime they were shooting 13%, so that was really good. Different players stepping out, obviously Courtne really stepped up and put the ball in the basket and we were able to limit some players, so hopefully that'll help us for tomorrow."

On earning her 500th career victory:

"This team is really special to me. They really wanted to do this, they were probably more aware of it than I thought they were. I go in at the end and they have a card signed for me and things like that make it really special. It's nice to do it here and it's certainly nice to do it with this team."

"We played UConn and I told them they could've done it against UConn. I was 499 going into UConn and said 'This would really be special.'"

On how the coaching strategy changes with a large lead:

"We saw we could rotate some players and we had some players that had been injured, so it helped us a lot that we could pull them and rest them. Danielle Blagg played pretty limited tonight and that was good and Leslie Vorpahl played limited. That certainly helped us a little bit to get out here. The first game of the tournament is always the toughest no matter who you're playing, so I'm glad we got that done. You do coach differently, your rotations are different, but tomorrow, you start all over and you've got to get that energy back up."

On competing in the American Athletic Conference:

"I think I've been fortunate to be part of Conference USA when we first put it together and we were really a strong league. If you look at this league, all but UConn and Temple were in that league. I loved what we had grown that into until it split. I think this league has such great potential, if you look at the all-conference players and how many underclassmen are in that list, I think that shows you what kind of potential we have just with the current players. I think the experience, the visibility with tv and ESPN3 have been tremendous. The travel has been a little bit more challenging, we've never seen so much snow. There's a reason we live in New Orleans. I think this is one of those leagues that our players, everyday, feel that they've taken a step up and it's helped us in recruiting and it's helped this team rise to a higher level, so I'm just really excited to be a part of it and I think we've got a great future."

Courtne Latham
Tulane

On helping Stockton to her 500th career victory:

"We were waiting. We messed up a couple of them, but we finally got it, and I'm honored to be playing for such a great coach and such a great team. I'm glad to have shared this victory with [Coach Stockton]."

On remaining focused when playing with a large lead:

"It's tough because you feel like you're in lead and then you want to slack off sometimes, but you know you can't and I think we may take the lead for granted. I think we kept our energy the whole time and we're ready for what's to come."

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