

Postgame Quotes
No. 5 East Carolina 77 vs. No. 4 Temple 71
Game 4 – Quarterfinals, March 7, 2015
Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.

Temple Head Coach Tonya Cardoza

Opening Statement

"This is a tough loss to swallow, and a lot of it had to do with the way we started the game. We dug ourselves in a hole that was great, but I felt like my players – once they got comfortable – they competed and they tried to fight to the finish, but the way we started the game is the reason why we lost."

On whether past wins and being overly confident affected their early play:

"No, I don't think we were extra confident. I think we were a little excited and wanting to do well for a lot of different reasons. With such a young team sometimes you just want to keep their emotions in check, and I felt like maybe they were a little too hyped for the game and they needed to settle down. That's exactly what happened. Once they settled down, we started to play better basketball."

Junior Guard Erica Covile Temple

On preparing for next season:

"When the season is over, we're going to get into the gym as soon as we can and work hard and make sure we have a better season next year."

Senior Guard Tyonna Williams Temple

On sportsmanship award and maintaining level of poise and integrity in a physical game:

"Through the years, coach has been in my ear about it. I just think that award has shown how much I have grown throughout the years. Now when we get in holes, I'm the one that's saying 'Guys, it's alright we've been in this situation before let's just keep fighting'. We ride together. We die together. It's not hard. It's just a part of me now."