

Postgame Quotes
No. 6 Tulane 71, No. 3 Tulsa 53
Game 7 – Second Round, March 7, 2015
Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.

Head Coach Lisa Stockton Tulane Opening Statement

"I think first of all we started a little bit flat, and then our defensive energy really picked up and created turnovers in the first half which really got our team moving. I feel like our success this year has been when our defensive is really stubborn, when we play really aggressively. I thought you saw that tonight and we had twelve steals at half. I'm not sure what we ended up with [seventeen] but we had twelve steals at half and that's an incredible number to go into halftime. So I really felt great about that energy and we were able to come out second half and continue it."

On playing Tulsa for the third time:

"When we beat Tulsa at our place we really beat them pretty badly and a lot of that was just our defensive pressure. And we felt like when we went into Tulsa, I thought they played extremely well and we just maybe didn't have that same energy to create the turnovers that we did. I think our team knew how we had to play. When you play a team twice, I think the scout is pretty easy. And we came in, we didn't have to spend a whole lot of time today on details, we really just talked about the effort, the things that we needed to do well, and I think that's kind of what our team responded to. And I said this yesterday, I felt like our team was pretty devastated when we lost to Tulsa, and that's probably the lowest I think we've seen our team in a long time. I thought that was something that still kind of stuck with them, and they were pretty motivated."

On how she motivated the team at half:

"Well, you know coaches, we can't change anything, you know that [laughter]. No, I thought the first half was ugly, a little bit because of the turnovers. [It turned around when] We created some turnovers, and it was pretty on our bench to see that, but I thought it was a feeling that our team had going into halftime that that was how we had to play. You know, what worked and what didn't. We had a great example in that first half. So they came out of the locker room knowing what that was. And I thought we were able to carry that through. Sometimes that's a challenge, to be able to continue that intensity and I thought we did a tremendous job with that.