



**UConn Postgame Quotes
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Game 5 – Quarterfinals, March 7, 2015
Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.**

Head Coach Geno Auriemma

Opening Statement

"There's really not much I can add to what the game was. It's a three-day tournament where you try to win one game each day, try not to get caught up in what's down the road and execute the things you want to execute. I thought that except for the first three or four minutes we did a lot of really, really good things and our really good players played really well. That's what you want this time of year."

On Kaleena nearing NCAA three-point record

"I have two thoughts on that. One is that relative to other sports, baseball is a stats game. Everybody knows how many home runs or RBIs or batting average [someone has]. In basketball and football, you're really evaluated when your career is over on championships. That is unique to basketball and football. I think it's remembered what you did to win championships. And if along the way, you're able to leave some records in the record book, that's great. Players want to be remembered for doing things that have never been done before.

We've been down this road before where I've tried to influence the record book, and it didn't go over so well, to some people anyway. I think if you get [records] in the course of playing, I'm for that. But putting people in the game just to do that? I've never been comfortable with that. One time when I did it, it was a unique situation because there were no games left. Kaleena's going to have a lot of games left to break whatever record; I don't even know how close she is. But if we get her 10 attempts each night, and we're fortunate enough to play 'x' number of games...but it all comes back to winning. Our guys are all about winning. If you win, then all those good things come to you.

On this team's good chemistry

"I'm so old now, I don't even pay attention to that stuff. When I was younger I had a better feel on all that. If Kaleena says it's true, then it's true. One reason for that might be that none of their personalities stands out. There really isn't a dominant personality, so they all get to share in it. So maybe that's a big part of it. They all feel like they're contributing to the personality of the team, whereas in the past we've had some great personalities and everyone else slinks to the background.

I didn't think we would be such a great passing team. We had 26 assists today and eight turnovers. Generally speaking, when people want to be good passers, it's because they are unselfish and they care about their

teammates. Being close off the court obviously helps. They've been together off the court a lot and they've known each other since they were 16, 17 playing USA Basketball. I've tried to convince them that you impact the game when you don't have the ball. Most great players, that's what they do. They're unselfish so that they don't need the ball in their hands to impact the game."

On difficulty of preparing for East Carolina on short notice

"They have a team of athletes that can play a number of different ways, and not every team can do that. Some teams are limited. They do a really good job of trying to force you to play their tempo. I haven't seen it as much lately but in the beginning of the year, certainly they wanted to play at a real helter-skelter pace. I thought down at their place we got caught up in that. Even though we were up a lot at half, I didn't like the way we went about it. In the second half, it was more the way I want us to play, and at our place too. They're not an easy team to play, simply because they can do so many things. They can affect the game with their defense, and they're a really good offensive rebounding team. So this matchup tomorrow night, I kind of like it."

Junior Guard Moriah Jefferson

On 30 wins this season

"I think we just really want to play hard throughout the whole season, and you have to take it one game at a time. So if you win every game and you keep going, you end up getting to 30 wins. I think it's important to try and play every game the same way."

Senior Forward Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis

On team's chemistry

"I definitely think this is one of the closest teams we've had since I've been here, whether it's on the court or off the court. I think the fact that we are able to spend so much time together and have so many different personalities makes it work for us. It's something that helps us on the court where we are able to read each other really well and what each other does best and how we can help each other. I think the fact that our chemistry is so good means we are able to perform well on the court together."

On 'feeling it' as a shooter

"I think you know that you're hot when the ball starts going in. When it goes in, it goes in, like Stewie said. I think it's just the feeling you have. I felt really confident every time I took a shot in the beginning of the first half, whether it was coming off a ball screen or a down screen. I just started off well."

On nearing NCAA record for three-pointers and getting less minutes

"It doesn't bother me at all, especially when my teammates are out there and playing well and getting themselves ready for other games. It doesn't bother me that I'm not playing for 40 minutes. Like Coach told us, if you play the full 40 minutes you're probably only going to have the ball in your hands for five minutes total. So it's not that big of a deal, as long as my teammates are playing well."

"I know I'm close, I don't know how close. I don't know exactly. I am not eight away."