



**Postgame Quotes**  
**No. 2 USF 79, vs. No. 7 Memphis 51**  
**Game 6 – Second Round, March 7, 2015**  
**Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.**

**Head Coach Jose Fernandez**  
**USF**

**Opening Statement**

"I was very pleased with our kids' effort in those first four minutes. I thought that the young lady to my left [Alisia] had a great first half, an incredible 20 minutes. She led the league in rebounding and had a fabulous year for us and proved how valuable of an asset she is and how good of a basketball player she is, and I know she was a little disappointed and upset she didn't make the First Team All-Conference, and I think she came out and played a little angry and it showed."

**On how it feels to be in the NCAA Tournament:**

"We got a great young basketball team and we have two seniors; I think these guys know that. Alisia and Courtney's freshman year, [they] were part of a team that went out, beat Texas Tech, lost to Cal in overtime [and] Cal went to the Final Four and last year we lose to two teams in January and February and we don't make the tournament. I think all year our team hasn't gotten the national attention that they definitely deserve, with eight top-100 wins. We beat Oklahoma on a neutral floor by 18. Beat Chattanooga-we were the ones that ended their home winning streak and a week later, they beat two good basketball teams at home. I think this team has played all year with a chip on their shoulders. We play again tomorrow, hopefully take care of business and have a shot at Connecticut on Monday night."

**On how this team comes out this year/is different from previous years:**

"This team's been a pleasure to coach. They come in and work, they're very passionate, there's incredible buy-in, and it's great to come in and work and coach with these guys every day. So I think that means they're fun to watch as well."

**On rebounding:**

"We're third or fourth in the country in defensive rebounding per game."

"Great rebounders are greedy. And that's something that we stress every day in practice, and she [Alisia] feels that every shot that comes off that backboard is hers. I mean, sometimes she's tackling teammates for the ball. So for great rebounders, greed is good, and she has a really good knack and a really good feel for the ball coming off of it."

**On if Courtney Williams has flown under the radar:**

"I mean, she only played twenty minutes today, Alisia only played 26, so with three games in three days it was great to have that luxury and to be able to do that. And I think Courtney's really developed year by year, just like Jenkins has. Courtney's special because she can get up the floor so quickly, and she can go left and right and prove that for a kid her size, she has a great mid-range game and do a lot of other things very good as well, where she can create her own shot."

**Alisia Jenkins**  
**USF**

**On how the team comes out this year/is different from previous years:**

"Yeah, definitely. This year we start off our warm-ups with all the yelling and stuff so everyone can have energy. We have energy, the coaches have energy and the game starts, everybody's just energized, and that's how we like our games."

**On if rebounding is a priority for her:**

"Rebounding is my game, I love rebounding. Rebounding is what gets me going, rebounding really helps me go in and helps my offensive game."

**On how she succeeds despite her height:**

"I would say my quickness. I'm like the Energizer Bunny."

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