



## **2010 Northeast Conference Women's Basketball Championship**

**Quarterfinal & Semifinal Rounds**

**Maurice Stokes Center**

**Loretto, PA**

**March 6 & 7**

**#1 Robert Morris vs. # 8 Wagner**

### **POST GAME QUOTES**

**March 6, 2010 / Quarterfinal One**

**Wagner Head Coach Gela Mikalauskas ...**

*Opening statement...*

We want to tip our hats to Robert Morris; they played a great game. Their defense was outstanding as it has been all season. Their zone really gave us a lot of trouble and they made us hurry a lot on our shots. The last time we played them at Wagner, when it was a really close game, we were knocking those same shots down, and unfortunately, we couldn't get any drives today. We came up empty several times in a row, we started getting deflated a little bit, and that's what I think happened to us. I think, you know, they had great balance and had a few people in double figures, I guess five. We really had no one get the hot hand for us. Ash got a lot of touches, and usually she's a high-percentage shooter for us, but they just weren't falling tonight. So I think as a collective whole, our offense did not step up to the plate, and I attribute that directly to Robert Morris for their defense.

*On Robert Morris' surge after Wagner didn't get a shot off out of timeout late in first half...*

Well, it certainly accelerated the damage. Coming out of any timeout you always want to know time and score, and that was a mental lapse on our part. Unfortunately, they came down and hit the three. We still felt that at halftime we were only down 11 and had a chance.

**Wagner's Ashley Olsen**

*On how the team felt coming into the game...*

I thought we felt pretty well. We played them really hard last week, only lost by three. We had a big comeback, down by 19 points at one point in that game, we had a really big comeback. The time before that, we lost by 12, and we were cold from three-point land. So it comes down to us shooting once again. We're disappointed but, you know, it's time to work for next season.

**Robert Morris Head Coach Sal Buscaglia**

*Opening statement...*

First of all, I want to congratulate Wagner on a good season. She's really got that program on the upswing and very positive, so we knew it was going to be a very tough game. We knew that that was a team that really got better and better. We congratulate them on another step in the direction that they want to go. But, on the other hand I also want to give credit my players and my staff, my staff for preparing our players and the players for executing our game plan.

**Robert Morris' Angela Pace**

*On if she saw any difference in how her team was prepared this game...*

We just made a couple adjustments and watched film. Coach really prepared us for this game.

**Robert Morris' Monica Jones**

*On if her team was targeted because of her regular season success in conference play...*

Yeah. Last time we played them we only won by three, so we knew we gave them a little bit of confidence. So we had to play hard from start to finish.