



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

**Quarterfinal & Semifinal Rounds**

**Maurice Stokes Center**

**Loretto, PA**

**March 6 & 7**

**#5 Saint Francis (PA) vs. # 4 Monmouth**

### **POST GAME QUOTES**

**March 6, 2010 / Quarterfinal Two**

#### **Monmouth's Head Coach Stephanie Gaitley ...**

##### *Opening statement...*

First of all, I want to thank the Northeast Conference and St. Francis (PA). You could feel the energy and you could feel the pride that they had in having this event, so I really want to thank them for that. All the credit goes to St. Francis (PA). It is evidenced by their juniors and seniors. That is a very focused group that's playing very well at the right time, and I think they have a good shot to win it all. I'm extremely proud of my group. They have been a pleasure to coach. The character of these kids is terrific. The beauty of it is that nobody walks away other than a couple of the kids who had the injuries. They're terrific kids. They didn't step on the court, but they add, obviously, a lot of other things for us.

Next year we take on a new role as being in the hunt. I think we surprised a lot of people this year, but again, I just want to give all the credit to St. Francis (PA) because I just think they did a terrific job and came through at the right time.

##### *On St. Francis pulling away early in the second half...*

It's been one of our problems this year. The first five minutes, for some reason, there is a letup. Two of our first three possessions were turnovers, and to St. Francis' credit, they were able to capitalize on every mistake. I think in the second half they had 22 points off our turnovers. I think our turnovers led to a lot of easy baskets for them. Again, focusing on the body of work this year, I'm really proud of it.

#### **Monmouth's Abby Martin**

##### *On her team's toughness on the boards...*

We knew we couldn't give up and we knew we would have to fight from the beginning. That's what I tried to do.

#### **Monmouth's Alysha Womack**

##### *On what St. Francis did to stop her...*

You know, they played good defense. I made some mistakes on the offensive end as far as shot selection and taking care of the ball. But they just played good defense.

##### *On her team's leadership and youth...*

I think we have great leaders on our team. They may not be on the floor, but they're still great leaders. It's almost like they are on the court with us.

**Monmouth's Alexis Canady**

*On the season ending the way it did...*

I'm really upset. From where we began at, in preseason, it's like everyone came focused and prepared. We had high hopes the whole season.

**Saint Francis' Head Coach Susan Robinson Fruchtl**

*Opening statement ...*

Obviously, it's a really good win for us. Any win at this time of the year is a really good win. I thought we played an excellent second half. Once again, Hodges took over and that's what we expect from a senior point guard. Not just scoring, but everything. Alli hit some big shots, she buried that three at the top of the key which really sealed the game pretty much. We're playing well at the right time, but we know we have a real challenge tomorrow. It will be fun, you know, it's a good rivalry. It's just going to come down to who plays the best tomorrow, and that's the way it should be at this time of year. Let the kids decide it. Since we didn't beat Monmouth before, it was a good win for us.

*On the advantages of playing on the home court...*

It's always an advantage when you play at home. Last year we went to Sacred Heart, it was a big advantage for them. I think it's always an advantage when you are on your home court. However, Robert Morris did beat us here. They've beat us here before. They're going to be ready.

**Saint Francis' Britney Hodges**

*On playing through the pain she endured throughout the game...*

I just try to fight through everything, you know, pain. My teammates said they needed me, so I tried to step up for them.

*On her performance since it could possibly have been her last collegiate game...*

I told Alli at the beginning of the year that I was on a mission, and not a journey. You know, I had to get it done this year because it's my last year. So, I tried to do it for them, my teammates.

**Saint Francis' Allison Daly**

*On fighting through the early foul trouble...*

Like any player, I would never want to sit the bench. It's just not in me, I love to compete. At the same time, you know, it happens. Coach told us to expect the unexpected. Stuff like that, it happens, you get some fouls called, sometimes it just doesn't go your way. At the same time, just because I'm not on the court doesn't mean I'm not with my team. So cheering from the bench, if that was my role, that was my role and I was going to play it.

*On the shot that sealed the win...*

I was just happy that one went in, to be honest.