

2010 Northeast Conference Women's Basketball Championship

Quarterfinal & Semifinal Rounds

Maurice Stokes Center

Loretto, PA

March 6 & 7

#3 Sacred Heart vs. # 6 Central Connecticut State

POST GAME QUOTES

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Central Connecticut State Head Coach Beryl Piper...

Opening statement...

I'm so proud of the team, and the effort we put forward today. I just felt that today's game was going to be about which team had it in their heart more, and I just felt that we had it in our heart to win that game. It was so evident, the way Justina played, the way she was possessed on the boards and getting rebounds. We weren't going to lose that game. It was in our hearts. I just think we wanted it more than they did.

Central Connecticut State's Leanne Crockett

On the team's 17 offensive rebounds and 34 points in the paint...

I think it all just kind of came together. We kind of focused this game more on defense and how we were going to stop Taylor in the post and Apo. We didn't really focus on our offense, but I think our defensive intensity carried over into our offense.

Central Connecticut State's Kerrianne Dugan

On the team's 17 offensive rebounds and 34 points in the paint...

That's what rebounding is about: who wants it more. I really think we had it in us tonight to go hard and crash the boards.

Sacred Heart Head Coach Ed Swanson

Opening statement ...

We shot the ball horribly, 22 percent from the floor. That's typically not us. We have to shoot the ball to be good. Central Connecticut, I thought, outtoughed us in a lot of areas, 51-36 on the glass, 17 offensive rebounds, you know, my hat goes off to them. I thought they played hard, they played tough and we didn't respond to it. At least Apo did a lot for us tonight, 26 points, seven rebounds, but didn't have a lot of help. Disappointing loss, but we have a lot of work to do to get ourselves back for next year.

Sacred Heart's Alisa Apo

On the frustration felt by the team in not hitting shots or getting stops...

I just think we were within one a lot of times, and we just couldn't get that shot or that stop. They would drive right by us and then get a three-point play, and if they missed they would get the rebound. We could not dig in and get that stop.