

**2009 General Shale Brick  
Atlantic Sun Basketball Championships**

**Belmont vs. Campbell, 03/05/09, First Round Tournament**

**Belmont Bruins**

**Head Coach Tony Cross**

*Opening statement...*

I feel very good about getting our first win. I tell the team all the time you got to get your first before you can get your second one. I thought our team really played the best when the pressure was on and it got close. We made some defensive plays and a good team effort. I thought our defense was pretty consistent and when the other team has trouble scoring, eventually were going to make some shots. Another thing we talked to the team about is we need to make out defensive our offense. And I think that helped a lot too. It got us more opportunities to score. But we feel very good about the win, looking forward to our next game.

*On ...having a lot of close games recently.*

Well we have played a lot of close games and I think with this team in particular we just continue to play and when we get down, and we've been in so many close games were used to it, so maybe that's a plus. When Campbell made a comeback we really weren't in a panic we were just saying let's settle down and do what we need to do and get this win. But you know there is a fine line between winning and losing and we've lost a couple of close games this year but we've certainly won more close games then we've lost so that give your team a chance to grow. And hopefully that will show up in tournament time.

*On....Carry over from last weeks game against Jacksonville*

Well this is a new season, you know both times I couldn't tell you the score so I know both times we've won both games they were very close. It came down to the last minute of the game at their place and our place. I told our team before going into the Jacksonville I said we have one more regular season game and then it's a new season. We have to separate ourselves from the regular season. And I think our teams done a good job with that, we've took one game off after that. Of course one thing we would think and from experience tells me that the team that won the last game they want the same game. It won't be the same game, Jacksonville is gonna make some adjustments and their gonna have a little bit of revenge factor. We need to recognize that and know that it's a new game, it's a new season and we got to play like that.

**Player: Amber Rockwell**

*On ... Comparing this year's win to last year's buzzer beater loss to Lipscomb.*

Well basically we wanted to come out hard and make a statement at tipoff, we didn't want to play around or kind of keep the game close, we wanted to basically separate ourselves from the beginning that way it wasn't a close game like our past games.

**Player Jessica Bobbitt**

*On ... Scoring balance in the beginning of the tournament*

I think it's a good thing to have everyone on the floor contributing equally versus depending on just one person. I think it kind of gets us going and kind of gets everyone's spirits up or what not. I think it's a good thing when you have everyone on the floor contributing like that.

*On.. Things that will be successful to next game*

Just come out with a lot of momentum, you know energy that's one thing that we've always talked about this year, is coming out with a lot of energy and following through with our game plan. I think that if we prepare good enough for them we will beat them.

**LOSING TEAM QUOTES**

**Head Coach Wanda Watkins**

*Opening statement...* Well of course I am very disappointed, but I would like to commend Belmont University. I thought they did what they needed to do to win the game tonight. And scored much more consistently then we did. I thought we had some good moments, our kids played hard even down at the very end. It just didn't seem like we have enough. From an offensive stand point we were very very inconsistent and had the droughts we didn't need in a game like that.

*On ...Anything they were doing to cause the scoring droughts.*

Well certainly we have to give some credit to Belmont, obviously a very good defensive team. They did a lot of sagging off of our guards. And we weren't comfortable with, after a couple time outs in the first half we were able to make some adjustments and I thought we were going to be ok with it. But then when we did work the ball into the interior in the second half we just missed a number of easy shots that we would like to take back and try again. Certainly going to have to give some credit to Belmont and their defense.

*On ...Defending Jessica Bobbitt*

You would like to think you could keep her in a little more foul trouble then we did tonight. I thought they handled it well when she picked up two. But she's a great player. I felt she hurt us tremendously in the first half with her offensive rebounds. I know she had 5 offensive rebounds that really hurt. Against a team like Belmont when you do get a stop, you don't want to give up any offensive rebounds. They had 11 in the first half and I think she had 5 of them.