

2009 General Shale Brick Atlantic Sun Women's Basketball Championship

Jacksonville vs. ETSU, 3/7/09, Championship

ETSU

Head Coach Karen Kemp

Opening Statement

"You know it really feels good to get another championship under our belt. We had to fight out there for forty minutes but fortunately, we kept our composure when they started making runs. And now we were able to bring back another championship back to Johnson City and ETSU. We left a lot of energy. I know it was going to be tough, but I have real winners and competitors on my team and I knew they would do whatever it took for this team to be successful."

On Shannon White...

"She comes to practice everyday and she plays her heart out. I was disappointed in her yesterday because I didn't think she brought the same type of energy that she normally does... This morning at shoot around I pulled her to the side... and she looked at me and said, 'Coach I'm going to bring that energy that you need today.' She definitely gave us that lift in the first half. She goes as hard as she can and if it hasn't been for us JU's lead would have been a lot bigger at half time."

On grabbing rebounds...

"Jacksonville crashes the boards they are athletic and we are going to have to make a conscious effort... we have to make sure we secure the rebound. Siarre Evans looked me in the eye and shook her head and she went up and pulled down that final rebound"

Siarre Evans

Appreciating winning the MVP

"I appreciate it, but it's more exciting winning the A-Sun championship. We were happy to be there, going to the next step."

Taronda Wiles

On Beating Kentucky and the turnaround of the season...

"I think it was a positive turnaround for us because it let us know that we were able to play with bigger schools. It gave us a confidence boost to come into the conference because even though we had already lost to Mercer it gave us an edge to go in and... push from there"

Jacksonville**Head Coach Jill Dunn**

“Obviously we are very disappointed with the loss. I give ETSU credit. They came out of the second half and really pounding the boards. They [took] us a little out of our game plan, but we did everything we could to come back”

ETSU forcing the bad shots...

“I thought they were doing a very good job at pressuring the ball. ... They had their hands on a lot of our baskets. You’ve got to give them credit, they took us a little bit out of our game plan. They forced us out and intimidated us a little bit.”

Regina Omite

Down the stretch...

“We always fight. I knew if we kept pressuring them they will turn over the balls eventually. If a couple of those threes would have fell it would have been a different game.”

On viewing the loss...

“Its both disappointing and its about progress. We’ll be here next year.”

DaVina Hamilton

On the loss..

“I mean we gave it a fight. We tried to do everything that [Coach Dunn] asked and I think we tried to do that today but it didn’t work. Its unfortunate, but we have a young team right now and they are going to find their way back here today.”