

**2010 General Shale Brick
Atlantic Sun Basketball Championships
UNF Ospreys vs. ETSU Lady Buccaneers, March 6, 2010, Championship Round**

UNF Head Coach Mary Tappmeyer:

Opening Statements

“I am really proud of my program. They did everything that I asked of them at halftime. We left it all out there. We did everything we could do. She hit a shot, that’s what happens in March.

On the last call:

I could have seen a couple of things. It’s neither here nor there, ETSU is going on she hit a shot. We tried to execute a really late game situation with two seconds left and we just didn’t have the opportunity.

The 20 minutes we played in the second half and the last five minutes of the first half will motivate this team for next year.

Frustrated by the call:

“Yes I think it would frustrate anybody, but it’s a call. We made mistakes, officials made a mistake, we’re human it’s what we have to live with. It’s not a reviewable call so we go with what happened.”

On the Cold Shooting:

“It was a little bit of nerves. It was their aggressiveness, we were tentative. Then at halftime I challenged them, ‘nobody thinks we are supposed to be here, nobody is expecting us to win. The last thing we need to do is play scared and just go play.’”

Brittany Kirkland:

On playing ETSU:

“Like coach said at halftime it just four baskets. We sometimes look at the score and think that it’s really more than it is. So we just needed a three or shot and we would be back where we are comfortable and I think we finished out pretty well.”

Juliemay Syquio

On being down early:

“I told the team, ‘chip away.’ They got the lead early on us and you could see that going into the second half that they were overlooking us. I mentioned that at the Mercer game that it is hard to beat a team three times and I guarantee you that it was hard for them to beat us today. I am so proud of our girls, I know they fought.”

Shennette Sheffield

On TaRhona Wiles

The type of player is she if she finds a spot around the rim, she elevates so high and shoots right over our guards. My teammates did the best defense they could have done on her. Like coach said, sometimes the ref is going to call it sometimes they aren’t. It’s a part of basketball, they can’t make every call. So we just take it for what it is and the girls will be ready for next year.

ETSU Lady Buccaneers Quotes

Head Coach Karen Kemp

Opening Statement

Hats off to UNF, they played a heck of a ballgame and had a heck of a run in the tournament. They came out determined and for a team to be in the tournament finals for the first time they really came out and competed well. I do have to say that we are glad we came out with that one-point victory. It wasn't easy and we had to work for every point that we got, but somehow these two seniors (Evans and Wiles) find a way. Siarre hit a big three-pointer down the stretch and then with seven seconds left TaRonda found a way to get the ball in the hoop for us and help us achieve our goal of winning a third-straight conference title. I am just so proud of our entire team right now, I don't know where my emotions are but I am sure they will come out once this all sinks in.

TaRonda Wiles

Can you walk us through that last shot you hit, what your thought process was?

I think I just wanted to get the ball and attack. I started to attack and I heard Siarre yelling behind me so I knew if I got stuck I could throw the ball out to her. I eventually took the shot and I thought I got fouled, but I was just aiming for the backboard and I kissed it off the glass and went in for me.

On the possibly traveling on the final shot?

From what I heard from the instant replay's I did, but when I shot it I picked my foot up after the shot was released which isn't a walk.

Siarre Evans

Was there a point when you thought that you weren't going to win because they were giving you guys fits?

No, I mean we are an experienced team so weren't worried about, we knew we still had an opportunity to win the game and we took advantage of it.

Tara Davis

How does this win in the championship feel compared to last year's?

Not any different except for the excitement at the end. I cried more last year, but like coach said my emotions haven't really come to me yet so I am sure I will probably cry my eyes out later. It was a victory and a good victory and that's how I feel.