

**2010 General Shale Brick  
Atlantic Sun Basketball Championships  
UNF Ospreys vs. Mercer Bears, March 3, 2010, First Round**

**UNF Ospreys Quotes  
Head Coach Mary Tappmeyer**

*Opening Statements:*

“It hasn’t been since 2003 that we were a seven seed and knocked off a number two. It was our whole goal this year was to make Macon and once we made we just wanted to see what kind of noise we could make once we got here.”

*What was the Key?*

“Our defense. It has been what we do all year. It is what we pride ourselves on and I have been talking to the team all week about, once you get into tournaments, when teams get tight the first thing to go is their shot. So teams that can stick to what they do well, and we do defense, we can get an opportunity to run. But it’s all about defense with us.”

“I think we knew the two times we played Mercer before we let one get away at our house and then when we were here a week and half, two weeks ago we did not play well at all.”

*On the comeback:*

We have had that ‘Uh-oh’ factor a lot this year, but I think mentally our mindset was we just did not want to be denied. We have been trying to separate both ends of the floor, where regardless of what happens on the defensive side it doesn’t affect the offense. But I didn’t see the ‘uh-oh’ tonight that I had seen earlier in the season and that goes to the stability of our guards.”

*On Mercer’s guards:*

It is a tough way for Courtney and LaToya to go out, because they are both very great players. I think as seniors they typically want it just a little bit more and sometimes at home it can put a little more pressure on them, but Courtney and LaToya are very very special guards.

**Brittany Kirkland**

*On Mercer making a comeback in the second half*

“We are a young team and myself being a sophomore point guard I have a lot on my back, but we are always there for each other. So my teammates were there to tell me it’s OK and again we go back to the thing that we rely on most which is our defense and we play it to the best of our ability and that is our bread and butter and that helped us get back in and stay up.”

“When we play defense it becomes fun and it makes us sparkle on the offensive end. Coach always tells us your defense generates you offense and I truly believe that today.”

*On taking the momentum early*

“By Mercer beating us twice we felt like it was to our advantage because coming in as the underdog people sometimes don’t respect you. Like Coach said, we talk about swagger a lot and when we play defense and when we rebound and we run we really have fun and that brings out our swag.”

### **Juliemay Syquio**

*On defensive scheme:*

“Personnel. We knew exactly what they wanted to do. We knew that LaToya wanted to shoot so we played for her three point shot and made her put it on the ground. And Courtney [Ford] is a very versatile guard so if she looked to drive we just tried to make sure that she did not drive middle. Landy Cherizol did a great job on her denying her the ball and making her be uncomfortable with the ball. Like Coach said, it was just two weeks. It’s hard to beat a team three times.”

### **MERCER BEARS**

#### **Head Coach Janell Jones**

*Opening Statements:*

“I thought that both teams tonight played really good defense. I thought that North Florida shot the ball better than us and consequently they came out with the victory.”

*On playing too tight:*

“I was a little bit concerned. We had so much energy that we could just never settle down. We were doing things out there that were not characteristic of us. I thought they [North Florida] were playing were like they were the underdog, and they weren’t supposed to win, and they were loose, and they had everything to gain. We just tried too hard. We didn’t play basketball out there, everything was forced. We were not in sync on the offensive end at all tonight.”

*On taking the lead in the second half:*

“I thought so, but then they started to switch their defense to that zone and we just kind of got rattled. Shots that we normally make they were not even close, they were way off.”

“Kirkland just took over the game for them and her shots fell. We just didn’t have anyone that ever got into a rhythm, so your team keeps looking for someone to get hot and nobody could really find that tonight. We had some really good looks, but it was just one of those nights it didn’t fall. If we would have had anyone do what Kirkland did then I think our team would have regained their self-confidence and we tried to find that all game and it just never came.”

### **Courtney Ford**

*On getting into an offensive rhythm:*

“It’s always tough when your shot doesn’t drop, but like Coach said we played great defense and like I said it’s just hard to watch your shot not go through the hoop.”

**LaToya Jackson**

*On what UNF did defensively:*

“No they did everything that we knew that they were going to do. It wasn’t necessarily them it was more us not playing the whole game.”