

**2010 General Shale Brick
Atlantic Sun Basketball Championships
UNF Ospreys vs. Jacksonville Dolphins, March 5, 2010, Semi-Final Round**

Jacksonville Head Coach Jill Dunn:

Opening Statements

“It’s a very disappointing loss. We did not play the first half as competitive as we should have and got in a hole. But give our kids credit to fight back and make it a game at the end. North Florida came out and played extremely well and played with a lot of intensity and from the tip. I thought they were pretty consistent throughout the game.”

On the Cold Shooting:

“Shooting has been our plague all year. I keep trying to instill in our kids that even though we are shooting poorly we need to defend, we need to rebound. We need to focus on fighting through those times and again relying on turning our defense into our offense.”

GiGi Thomas:

On the late game turnover:

“My thought process was to try to go in and draw the foul and get to the free throw line because we were only down two. I think I got a little bump, which made me turn the ball over. It was a key turnover that I think lost the game for us.”

UNF Head Coach Mary Tappmeyer:

Opening Statements:

“I told the team in the locker room the hardest part about getting to a championship game is getting there. A lot of emotion came into the game today, but I think it was our defense was the reason we had an opportunity to win the game.”

On getting to the championship game:

“It will be really special for this team. Those four years of transition are really difficult to recruit and convince kids to come play when they know when they last day of their season is.”

On giving up such few points in two games:

“That’s what I believe in. Defense is what we do. I think a lot of people talk about it but we work on it every day. In these kinds of games offenses are really difficult to run because everybody has played each other twice. It really comes down to being able to stop the tendencies of the other team.”

On whether they saw this coming

“Their confidence grew over the season, we are really young. You don’t know how kids are going to react in pressure situations. I think this is one of the few times we had a late game situation where we executed and did some of things we wanted to do. Now, we didn’t do them perfectly, but at least we handled it.”

On ETSU tomorrow:

I have no idea; I guess I will find out tomorrow. We had them at our house and we had them down 7 and didn't handle it, their experience just took over. It's going to be a battle of wills tomorrow. We are absolutely the underdog, so 'Why Not Us' factor really plays into it. So we just play defense and see what happens. I like being seven. If there is pressure on a team it's probably on ETSU. We are in the championship game so we will roll it out tomorrow and see what happens."

Juliemay Syquio

"In the preseason coach told us that [M2]that was our slogan for the year. M2 is Make Macon and we made it and our new slogan is 'Why Not Us?' The whole conference tournament we have been the underdog and now our new slogan needs to say 'Stay True to the Blue' because sticking to defense has been in our favor the whole tournament."

Brittany Kirkland

On worrying about the offense:

"After awhile we didn't worry about the offense, offense is going to come. Defense is guaranteed, we just have learn to love defense and we stuck to our defensive plan today and did well.