

**2010 General Shale Brick
Atlantic Sun Basketball Championships
ETSU Lady Bucs vs. Stetson Hatters, March 3, 2010, First Round**

**ETSU Lady Bucs Quotes
Head Coach Karen Kemp**

Opening Statements:

“I thought we came out and started a little bit slow, but once we got relaxed out there and got in a rhythm things picked up for us on both ends. Our focus today was on our defense and I was really proud of our defensive effort holding a team to under 50 points. We did a much better job taking care of the basketball. I credit my guards for doing a really good job of taking care of the basketball.”

On Building Momentum Throughout the Game:

“At this time of year that is our focus, not to relax if we get up by 15 or 20 points, we have to continue to play hard and play our game no matter what the score is.”

On what Siarre Evans means to this program:

“She has meant a whole lot since the day she stepped on campus. She has definitely made a difference at ETSU, both on the basketball court and as a person in the community. She is determined; she will do whatever she needs to do to help this team be successful. She will rebound for us and then somehow on a bad leg she can come up with a big steal as well. She has really changed to whole complexion of Lady Buc basketball since the day she stepped on campus.”

On having a day off tomorrow:

“That is the beauty of being one and two because you do have that extra day. Having that time to prepare for next opponent is really key during the tournament run.”

On refocusing the team at the first media timeout:

“It was all about defense because they were shooting 67% at that point, so our total focus was on defense. I thought if we could turn up the defensive pressure a little bit I thought we could get some turnovers and get some easy baskets.”

On the tournament process:

“Since Saturday (end of the regular season) that has been the focus. That season is over. We have to start a new season and we have to go 3-0 if we want to achieve our goal.”

“I told the team you have two options. One is to win and continue to play the other is to lose and go home.”

“I know this team because they have had that experience at the NCAA that they want to go back to the NCAA tournament. I know with the leadership with my two seniors and Tara Davis that they are going to do whatever that is possible to make sure we are in a position to make a return.”

Siarre Evans

On playing in the A-Sun tournament so close to home:

“It means a lot. A lot of my family and friends can come by and see me play so it has been real good.”

Tara Davis:

On her defensive performance:

“As coach said we did a good job pressuring the point guards and I was able to step into the passing lanes and steal a couple.”

Stetson Hatter Quotes**Head Coach Lynn Bria**

Opening Statements:

“I think that East Tennessee has a lot of offensive firepower. To their credit they are playing very well right now. I thought that they really hurt us in the paint. I thought that we got off to a good start, but they have a lot of people that can score so you have to play very well and guard them all. They were clearly the better team today.”

On defensive pressure:

“It hurt us. You turn the ball over to them and they get some easy layups and you can’t do that against them. They are already hard to guard with five players. I felt like that pressure bothered us a little bit and we knew they were going to pressure. I thought we settled down as the game went on, but at that point they were up 10-15 points and we are about eight deep right now and it’s hard for us to recover from that. I thought that the turnovers because they led to layups for them.”

“They probably got eight to ten points off of steals and that was early in the first half and I thought it took the wind out of our sails a little bit.”

Biggest Difference From Game in Florida:

At the end of the day ETSU wants the paint. They will hit the three on you and shoot it very well, but that’s not what they do mainly. They want to the paint, they want you to turn the ball over, they want to penetrate and they rebound hard. You have to take care of the paint and I don’t think we did a very good job defensively on them in the first half at all.”

“I think Karen has them doing the right things and they are playing really well. They are playing on all cylinders right now.”