

**2011 General Shale Brick
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Quote Sheet: No. 1 Belmont 72, No. 8 Kennesaw St. 57

BELMONT:

Head Coach Rick Byrd - *Opening statement*

"First we have to give credit to Kennesaw St. We saw a different team today than we did on Saturday. We had a lot of purpose and they made some coaching adjustments that were good. I thought they played hard and at times harder than we did. We don't think people should be able to play harder for 40 minutes because of our depth. Kudos to KSU, they made it very tough. I don't think we played our best; we didn't shoot the ball well we didn't rebound well. I thought Cummings is all that he is cracked up to be, played hard too. I think we need to play better, but again they deserve a lot of credit for that."

"I tell more golf stories, you are always told as a golfer you expect your opponent to make the putt that way you are not surprised. And that is what I told them. We need to expect their best shot and we need to expect them to play well. They need to be surprised that we're so ready to play."

Ian Clark - *On the 1-8 seed game*

"Coached talked about 8-1 game and I believe that when you get to the tournament it's 0-0. It doesn't matter what your record was before hand. Anybody can win and Kennesaw knew that coming out last year and I am pretty sure they had it in mind this year."

Jordan Campbell - *On team performance.*

"I think we always look to make the extra pass and that's what gets us open shots."

"We just have to do what we need to do. I feel like we came out and weren't as focused as we needed to be and if we play anyone else in the conference we may lose this game, but KSU gave us a very good shot and we need to focus more."

KENNESAW STATE:

Head Coach Tony Ingle - *Opening statement*

"I was really concerned about how we played on Saturday. My hat goes off to the players, they accepted the challenge. I think you saw that the first half. We didn't finish the first half strong, I think that hurt us. But we were still in the game."

"Then in the second half we had to press and they in turn hit some big, big shots. But our guys, I am proud of them I was real happy with the team. I couldn't say enough about the effort. Tonight it went their way but I was really proud of our team and how hard they fought and went all the way to the buzzer."

On changing game plan from Saturday

"It really wasn't a whole lot different. WE did emphasize that when in doubt keep them on defense a little bit longer. We are trying to build our bench and it keeps Markeith and LaDaris on the floor keep our top players on the floor. The effort is what we needed. You don't look back, you look ahead. I think our guys did that and nobody pointed fingers didn't blame each other. Our guys took their own accountability."

Markeith Cummings - *on losing to Belmont on Saturday*

"We talked at practice, basically that (Saturday) was our motivation. Just put it behind us and come out and play instead of what we did on Saturday. We just made a lot of mistakes and they played harder than us. But we came out today and showed that we can play."