

2009 General Shale Brick Atlantic Sun Men's Basketball Championship

Jacksonville vs. ETSU, 3/7/09, Championship

ETSU

Head Coach Murry Bartow

Opening Statement

"I'm really proud of our guys and we beat a really good team. Cliff [Warren] has done a really great job at Jacksonville turning the program the way he did. We had two really tough games with them [during the regular season]... We were hopeful we could win, but we didn't think we'd win the way we did. We beat a really good team"

On the players..

"I'm really proud of our guys. Kevin [Tiggs] is the most unique kid I've ever coach, he never has a bad day. He's a phenomenal player, but a much better kid. Courtney Pigram, I am so proud of. He scored a lot points, but has not experience the NCAA tournament. He's been so great through for us throughout his whole career. Greg Hamlin has been phenomenal. Mike Smith is just a double-double guy he's just going to give you an incredible effort and game. He just competes at a high level every game."

On Tommy Hubbard...

"If he didn't come out of a probably red-shirt, I don't know what we would have done. He did it for the good of the team. I can't say enough about what we did for our team."

Courtney Pigram

On going to the NCAA's...

"It feels great, I've never felt like this before...That was one of my goals. It was the first one I wrote in the locker room for the season"

Mike Smith

On coming back from earlier season losses...

"We had the will to win. We had a couple team meetings, we didn't want to lose any more. Coach is always telling us how exciting it is to get to the tournament. It was [Pigram's and Tiggs'] and Greg [Hamlin's] last year and we just wanted to play hard for them and send them out on a good note."

Kevin Tiggs

On what it feels like to make it...

"It feels good, I can't wait to get there and see what it has to offer. I'm just really excited right now."

On how well things up on Jacksonville...

"At the time I think we were up about 20, and then I could have [pinched myself]. I said we got to buckle down buckle down because we didn't want them to come back and that's what they were trying to do and we buckled down and kept guarding and we won."