

**2010 General Shale Brick  
Atlantic Sun Basketball Championships  
Belmont Bruins vs. ETSU Lady Bucs, March 5, 2010, Semifinal Round**

**ETSU Lady Bucs Quotes**

**Head Coach Karen Kemp**

*Opening Statement*

First, I must give a lot of credit to Belmont. They came out really focused and ready to play. They came with a lot of intensity in the first half and our first half talk was that they wanted it more than we did. It was a lot tougher than I wanted it to be and our starter's player a lot of minutes because of that, but when you get to this point you got to win or go home. I felt like we came out to start the second half with a lot more energy on both ends of the floor. When we called that play for TaRonda and she knocked down that 3-pointer to start the second half I thought that helped us become more intense, especially on the defensive end.

*On playing either Jacksonville or UNF in the A-Sun Finals*

Both Jacksonville and UNF are very competitive. We just saw both of them about a week and a half ago and it was a struggle. Like we talked about before each practice and game, this is a new season so we are going to go out and wait and see which team we have to play.

**TaRonda Wiles**

*On the team coming out with a slow start in the second half*

We started the game off pretty good, but we just got relaxed which is a problem we've been having a lot recently. Once we stop coming out so relaxed I think we will be fine.

**Siarre Evans**

*On how tough the game was*

No, I wasn't surprised because we know Belmont never gives up and they keep playing hard until the buzzer sounds. I wasn't surprised that they stayed disciplined and kept playing hard. I think this game helps us a lot going into the finals because if we do get a big lead we know that we have to keep playing hard and push the lead up even more.

**Belmont Bruins Quotes**

**Head Coach Tony Cross**

*Opening Statement*

I want to say congratulations to ETSU. They were the champions of our league and they certainly played like it today. This game was typical of our season. We could take the game tape and clip it and look like we won the game, but we just had too many lapses today. I thought that the two key stats that hurt us today were 22 turnovers and 13 offensive rebounds allowed. I knew that we would have to set the tempo and I think when we did we were a good basketball team in trying to shorten the game. We can't give a team like ETSU too many chances to score because they're eventually going to score.

Like I said I thought we played well at times, I thought we just didn't play well for 40 minutes.

*What did you do differently when they jumped out to an 11-0 lead?*

It surprised me that we got off to such a slow start, but the slow start was that we just missed open shots and we let them play the way they wanted to play. You don't panic when you get down 10-12 early because you can "ugly" the other team into submission. All we had to do is get to our game plan which gave us good results and got us right back into the game.

### **Amber Rockwell**

*On playing ETSU and their seniors Siarre Evans and TaRonda Wiles*

Both of them are great players. Siarre is very versatile, she can play inside and out and TaRonda is just a pure scorer. We have been around them since freshman year so you get use to them, but it wasn't just those two they have a great team.

### **Kristin Bunch**

*On playing ETSU and their seniors Siarre Evans and TaRonda Wiles*

We knew coming into the game that it was going to be a war. They are a very good team from top to bottom. We know those two players are two exceptional players. We knew if we could shut them down, which is a hard task to do, we could keep ourselves in the game. I am proud of our team because when we down 11-0 we didn't give up, but we turned things around and I can't be sad with how we went out because we went out with our heads up.