

America East Women's Championship presented by Newman's Own
Friday, March 05, 2010
Quarterfinal #3: #1 Hartford 68, #9 New Hampshire 35

Hartford Head Coach Jen Rizzotti

Opening remarks:

"Well obviously, a concern for a #1 seed is playing a team that's coming off of a win from the night before and has confidence and an emotional high. I was certainly happy with the intensity our team came out with, with the tempo we were able to create throughout the game, and just the focus. I feel like we never let up on our defensive pressure for the entire 40 minutes. New Hampshire is a tough team and I don't think their record reflects how good they really can be. So our players were certainly very ready to play today."

Hartford senior forward Erica Beverly

On how her game plan and how her knee is feeling:

"My plan was to be ready this weekend if it bothered me or not. I just went out and played like I usually do. I didn't try to think about it too much. I don't think it affected my game at all."

On getting excited for the game:

"It's tournament time. You have to be excited for every game, because if you lose, that's it. So we're definitely that we come in and we're ready to go."

Hartford senior forward Diana Delva

On the game in general:

"It was a complete team effort. We came out ready from the beginning. We wanted to defend. We emphasized our rebounding, so we got on the glass offensively and on the defensive end. Obviously I'm pretty pleased with the outcome."

New Hampshire Head Coach Kristin Cole

Opening remarks:

"Obviously there's a reason Hartford is No. 21 in the country. They are a phenomenal team. I think my kids came and tried to play hard and tried to stay with them, and I think that they believe they can win. But Hartford is a phenomenal team, and I think they're better than twenty-first in the country. When you have two players like Delva and Beverly, they basically put on a clinic and it's hard to stop them. I was proud of my kids. They played hard. They kept fighting. Candace fought down to the wire. You could tell she was a senior and didn't want to give it up. I'm proud of them, and we have work to do."

New Hampshire senior forward Candace Willilams

On her final game:

"It's just hard right now. It was a fun ride, though. I had a really good experience at UNH, and I'm just sad to see it end like this."

On playing back-to-back nights:

"We were excited. We felt an upset. We felt really good after last night and we were ready to go. We could have played at 8 a.m. We were ready to go."