

**America East Men's Basketball Championship
Quarterfinal #3: #2 Vermont 76, #7 UMBC 59**

Vermont Head Coach Mike Lonergan

Opening remarks:

"I was really proud of our effort tonight. Our guys came out to play. Maurice [Joseph] got out to a quick start and hit some shots early, and Marqus [Blakely] just did a great job rebounding and all-around put up huge numbers for us."

On the fan support:

"I thought it was a great atmosphere, and I think we had as much support, or more, as anybody, and that really gets our guys fired up."

Vermont senior forward Marqus Blakely

On drawing motivation from not being named POY:

"I didn't come down here to get in a war. I came down here to win two games and go to the championship game. As much as a lot of people have been asking me if I'm upset or surprised, I'm not at all. It's not where my head is. It's more winning games and getting back to the championship game."

Vermont senior guard Maurice Joseph

On setting the tone early:

"My goal was just to come out and be aggressive. I knew that they were going to play a lot of zone, try to switch up their defenses, and throw a lot of tricks at us. I wanted to come out and be aggressive and look for my jump shot. I got some good looks early, and I just kept going."

On trying to avoid another first-round upset loss:

"When it's one-and-done time, you can't take anyone for granted, regardless of their record or what their players' stats are. You've got to come out and be aggressive on both ends of the floor, and I think we did a good job of that."

UMBC Head Coach Randy Monroe

Opening remarks:

"I thought our young team did a fantastic job of not quitting today. I thought they played extremely hard, and the effort was just fascinating."

On Matt Spadafora:

"I can't say enough about him, about his efforts, about what he meant to this program, and about what he will always mean to this program. Playing with a bad wrist, he played extremely hard and gave a tremendous effort. He did everything he could to help us tonight."

On Shawn Grant and Adrian Satchell:

"They're two young men that I'm extremely high on. I think they'll have a great career at UMBC. You've seen what they've done in their first year in the America East Conference tournament, and I think their numbers are quite impressive. I think the best is yet to come for both of these young men provided they continue to work hard and do the very best they can to make themselves better players."

UMBC senior guard/forward Matt Spadafora

On his career at UMBC:

"I'm grateful to play for UMBC and have the opportunity given by Coach to play for the team. I had a great run here, some great times, some great seasons, and I played with a lot of great people as well. Obviously this senior season didn't turn out the way I wanted it to, but I'm still proud of all the guys on the team."