



Postgame Quotes
No. 12 Tulsa vs. No. 5 Houston
Game 4 – First Round, March 3, 2018
Mohegan Sun Arena – Uncasville, Conn.

Opening Statement from Tulsa Coach Matilda Mossman

"The game is a lot easier when you shoot 60 percent. We shot 50 percent in every single quarter. That makes the game a lot easier. Credit to these guys for playing together, giving each other the ball. Crystal (Polk) got hot there and couldn't miss. She got herself a career-high and double-double. They kept feeding her and wanting her to score. Shug (Dickson) hit some big buckets especially from three. Erika (Wakefield) did her usual let me see how many assists I can get tonight plus I am going to get in double figures. I look at five people in double figures and how many assists we had which tied the school record of 28. That is guys sharing the ball. As many points as we scored, I am pleased with our defensive effort especially in the first half. We had a lot of steals and converted them in the first half. In the second half, they got a little downhill on us and scored some easy buckets. I felt like overall our defense was good tonight."

What did the first matchup against Houston teach you going into today's game

"The first time we didn't guard very well," Mossman said. "We give up 77 points and offensive rebounds. Those were two areas we wanted to clean up before tonight. They only got 10 offensive rebounds and still scored 72 points, but that is below their average. Last year, Houston came in and beat us twice, but this we turned the tables on them. I don't know what the difference is match up wise, but we seemed to score really well against them."

Extending the seniors career one more game as the 12th seed

"It means a lot to get one more opportunity to play with my teammates, the people that I love," Erika Wakefield said. "It is bittersweet because I am excited to move on with my career, but I don't want to leave my teammates behind."

Discussing the offensive production with a season-high in points and five players in double figures

"We were in rhythm offensively," Mossman said. "When you make buckets, that makes you feel better. We have struggled at times this year of not getting shots and that goes back then your defense isn't as good. When we make shots, it makes the game easier."

On Crystal Polk's performance

"She started the first quarter and was going after it so we kept feeding her the ball," Wakefield said. "She kept making plays so we kept going to her."

"She was playing well so we felt like we needed to keep getting her the ball so she could go to work," Shug Dickson said.

"The goal was just to play hard and play together," Crystal Polk said. "We wanted to play again."

"I would like to point out that Polk got her 28, but the girl who subbed for her, Kendrian Elliot, also got in double figures," Mossman said. "I think that makes a difference too when your inside game compliments your outside game. We had three guards in double figures and two pos players in double figures. That makes a team hard to beat when you're scoring from inside and outside."

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