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Patriot League Women's Basketball Tournament
Postgame Quotes
Quarterfinal 2: Bucknell 40, Army 37 (OT)

Army Head Coach Dave Magarity

"We certainly didn't have one of our better offensive outings of the year. The second half, there seemed to be a lid on the basket for us. We out rebounded them by 10, we had 18 offensive rebounds and we just kept at it. It just seemed like it was meant to be and we would find a way to get to tomorrow, especially at the end of overtime when we were down six and it looked like we were dead in the water. In the blink of an eye, we were on the foul line looking to take the lead.

"I can't say enough about our effort and the absolute toughness our kids showed today. Despite not having a game where things were going our way, we just kept plugging away. What you saw tonight was the talent level of Bucknell. There is a reason why they were picked to win the league. They have great players.

"It was a very tough first round match-up for us. It didn't matter where it was played. I don't think our kids left anything out on that court. If you are going to lose like that, you can definitely walk away knowing that you have nothing to be ashamed of and have no regrets."

Army Senior forward Cara Enright

(Ref.: What she was feeling after her final game at Army)

"It is pretty hard. I thought it was going to be our game, especially after (hitting the game-tying three pointer to send it into overtime). We thought overtime would be ours. But it wasn't. Bucknell came out and hit some great shots."

Army Junior Forward Alex McGuire

(Ref.: Overtime and the play of Bucknell)

"They knocked down their shots and played solid defense. We were in their faces most of the game. They just hit some big shots in overtime.

(Ref.: Army's shooting woes during the game)

Once we started missing, it just kept rolling and we could not get the ball in the basket. We kept getting offensive rebounds and shots were rolling off the rim. All you can do is keep shooting and hope something drops. Cara hit that shot to send it into overtime. That's what happens. You just have to keep shooting, no matter what."

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Bucknell Head Coach Kathy Fedorjaka

“It feels good. I’m really proud of the effort of our kids. Army has a great program and they’ve had a great run the last three or four years. We knew they were going to bring it. That might have been a good thing for our team. It was a hard-fought battle. It was a defensive war. It was a physical game; tough play. Points were at a premium. The intensity level from both squads was unbelievable. I’m just really proud of how our kids played down the stretch. I thought we made some big plays in key stretches tonight, certainly in the overtime period with (Amanda) Brown coming up big.

“Championships and tournaments are about defense and board play and it came down to that tonight, and we certainly answered.”

(Ref.: Game-winning shot by Amanda Brown)

“We had no timeouts. I used the one timeout that we had at what I thought was a critical point where we really needed an answer. We’ve worked a lot on situations. We actually wanted to get the ball in Brown’s hands. I was looking to run a ball-screen up top from (Lauren) Schober and get everyone else down low. We talked about it, set it up and had everyone on board. And Brown started dribbling the ball up and Keisha (Champion) was setting a ball-screen. I said, ‘Let’s go with it. Here we go.’ I just think it was a big, big shot. I said to Dave (Magarity) afterwards, ‘Who knows how it would have played out (if the game entered a second overtime)?’ It would have been a test in another one, so it was a big, big bucket.”

(Ref.: The play of Amanda Brown)

“Even though she’s been out through a lot of conference play, the games she did play, she hit some big shots. I give her a lot of credit. The last 10 days, she’s only gotten on the floor a very little bit. She’s maybe only practiced a half hour the last 10 days. She impressed me with her toughness to come back like that. Nothing was easy to come by today. Every move she made was challenged. She really raised her game to that type of game that was played on defense.”

Bucknell Junior Guard Amanda Brown

(Ref.: Game-winning shot)

“It happened so fast. I saw Keisha (Champion) coming up calling for the screen. And then I just took off, and was hoping it was going in. I saw (Army’s Alex) McGuire in the corner of my eye and I just gave a shot-fake to see if she would go for it. She kind of went for it and I just kind of put it back up. It felt good. It felt a little off. I said it was either going to miss short, or it was going right in. And it went in, so it was great.”

(Ref.: lack of recent court time due to injury)

“I was actually pretty good. Once I got my second wind I was pretty good. We’ve got a great trainer. I’ve been doing a lot of pool workouts and the bike, so I’m feeling pretty good.”

Bucknell Senior Guard Keisha Champion

(Ref.: Bucknell’s final play)

“I knew that when (Amanda) caught the ball that (Army’s Marjorie) King was guarding her. Obviously, I wouldn’t want anyone else on my team taking the last jump shot. She’s a great shooter. Hey, if the defensive player of the year is going to play you. I don’t have a problem screening to get you open. I’ll do anything to win. That’s all I was thinking.”