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**Patriot League Women's Basketball Tournament  
Postgame Quotes  
Quarterfinal 4: Lehigh 62, Lafayette 51**

**Lafayette Head Coach Tammy Smith**

"It was a hardfought battle. They came out and played hard and kind of took it to us a little bit early on. But we fought back and got it to within four, but couldn't get over the hump."

"It's hard to beat a team three times in one year, especially when it's your big rival. We knew they were going to come out after us. They just picked one up."

*(Ref.: battling from behind)*

"I thought there were some opportunities that we didn't take advantage of. I thought that we gave them a couple of chances when we didn't box out a few times at real crucial times of the game. We gave them two and three chances to score. That's tough and when you do that your going to either foul them or they are going to eventually score. There were times in that game where we gave up too many offensive boards when we had it down to either two or four points."

*(Ref.: Lafayette's ability to keep battling back)*

"That's just what we're known for; that's what we're all about. We've battled in every game that we played and we just keep fighting. We keep battling to the very end and it was good to see that we were able to do that. We just came out a little flat at the beginning and we had a hard battle to get back in the ball game."

**Lafayette Senior Forward Vanessa De Venter**

*(Ref.: Did you feel you were being shut down or stifled?)*

"Yeah, I did the whole game, actually. I had to get myself up. I knew I had to do something because they obviously were shutting me down."

*(Ref.: Is it frustrating to lose like that at this time of the season?)*

"Yeah ... well there's no more seasons left so it's a little emotional in itself."

**Lafayette Guard Jessica Spicer**

*(Ref.: what kept Lafayette battling back)*

"Our seniors. They've been an inspiration to us all year. We just wanted to win for them and win for each other."

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**Lehigh Head Coach Sue Troyan**

“Lafayette really responded well. We got up by 10 and they came right back just like we expected. It feels good to be on the winning side after dropping two to them during the regular season.”

*(Ref: Lafayette’s 9-0 run)*

“I told these guys they were a good team and we have a lot of respect for them and knew they could get big runs on us, and we would have to be able to respond to a run. I thought they did a great job with that. They just responded to it and that was one of the biggest keys to winning the game.”

**Lehigh guard Erica Prosser**

*(Ref: You wait all year for your first league tournament and you get into your first game and the lights go out. What went through your mind and how did you deal with it)*

“I was scared. I realized that we were all ready to go out and play our game and get back into it.”

**Lehigh guard Alex Ross**

*(Ref: working on your three point shot)*

“I was just trying to get a lot of shots in all day, and coach put some plays in for me to get the three. My teammates did well at executing screens and getting me open to shoot the ball.”

*(Ref 3-pointer late in the game that put Lehigh’s lead back to double figures)*

“I felt amazing, I was so pumped and then I shot it and then I just knew it was going in.”