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**Patriot League Women's Basketball Tournament**  
**Postgame Quotes**  
**Quarterfinal 2: Holy Cross 67, Navy 53**

**Navy Head Coach Tom Marryott**

"First of all, I'd like to congratulate Holy Cross. They played a very good game, especially in the second half. They knew what they wanted to do. They wanted to go inside, and they established the tone of the game at the start of the second half. They deserve a lot of credit. We got ourselves in some early foul trouble, obviously with Cassie (Consedine), that hurt us a little bit in the first half. But I was very proud with how we kept hanging in there. It seemed like the chips were going against us pretty much the entire second half, but it was nice to see us really battle when the lead ballooned up a little to where it was tough to get back into it. But we never stopped going after them. I think it shows a great deal of character."

"Holy Cross looked like a team that's won a championship. They came out and looked like a team that had been here before."

*(Ref.: first five minutes of the second half)*

"We kind of felt like Holy Cross had some success at the end of the first half going inside, so they went right at it (to start the second half). They established a tone offensively. It was probably four straight possessions where they got a basket or a great look. It absolutely set the tone."

**Navy Freshman Forward Cassie Consedine**

*(Ref.: play of Holy Cross junior forward Kathy Gruzynski)*

"Coach (Marryott) said coming in that Holy Cross could go inside or they could go out. Obviously, we didn't do a good job of shutting her down today. She played tough today. We just didn't do a good job of guarding her."

**Holy Cross Head Coach Bill Gibbons**

"It was a good win. We played terrific in the second half. I knew Tom Marryott resigning ... people said it's either going to go one or two ways. I knew it was going to go one way: That they were going to play hard and play their fannies off for him. As much as I told the girls that, I don't think they knew the importance of a guy resigning that the girls really liked. I knew they'd play very hard. I thought they were scrappy. They had played Army really well here. I saw that game. I just wanted to survive and advance. Luckily in the second half, we did a great job."

"I didn't yell at them at halftime. I said exactly what I just told you ... 'This guy is resigning. All the girls like him. They're going to play their fannies off for him. Don't be surprised that they're scrapping and hustling. We've got to get loose balls and loose rebounds and play better this half. And we've got to get the ball inside.' We came out in the second half and the girls executed. We got the ball inside to (Kathy) Gruzynski. She played terrific. We just stuck to our game plan in the second half and executed really well."

**-OVER-**

**Holy Cross Junior Forward Kathy Gruzynski**

*(Ref.: her play late in the season)*

“I’m definitely playing with more confidence. At the beginning of the season, I was coming back from an injury. I’m normally not a very confident person. I just kept working and all the hard work paid off. When we needed people to rebound, I went in there and rebounded. When we need people to score, I’ll go in there and score. All four of the coaches have been telling me that I can do it, that I can do it. I believed them, kind of, but it was the Colgate game that it really stepped up. It was like a light bulb went on that I could really do this and I could really be effective.”