



# 2018 Southern Conference Basketball Tournament



## No. 2 ETSU vs. No. 10 Chattanooga March 3, 2018

### ETSU

#### **Coach Steve Forbes**

##### *Opening Statement*

"I was believed the first four or five minutes of the second half set the tone. [We] got into a groove defensively and really just took them out of what they wanted to do. They had a hard time scoring in the second half, I thought that was the key to the game. I'm real proud of our effort...I thought we really dominated the second half."

##### *On energy of team during second half*

"We had great, great energy. I thought the shot at the end of the first half gave us some juice. We practice that way all year... we're here to stay, we're here to be here."

#### **Senior Jalan McCloud**

##### *On being a big factor tonight*

"I did feel comfortable, anyone of my teammates are capable of being a big factor. Tonight, I just happened to be in a comfortable groove, they supported that. They found ways to get me open and get shots off."

#### **Freshman Bo Hodges**

##### *On opportunity of starting*

"Coach [Forbes] had confidence to put me in the starting five and my teammates just helped me, telling me they had my back and everything was going to be alright."

### Chattanooga

#### **Coach Lamont Paris**

##### *Opening statement*

"[ETSU] has a good team. I do not think there are any secrets there. They did not get to where they were throughout the regular conference season by accident. They have a good team. They attacked the rim, and the got the ball in the paint and around the basket early and often. We just did not do good job of keeping them out of the paint. That led to some easy baskets, which led to momentum. We did not end the half the way we wanted to."

##### *On the adversity faced all season*

"A lot of it is character. The natural reaction to some of the adversity we have faced is to be discouraged, if not quit. Then when you are not having the successes that you want, in terms of wins and losses, even though there was a lot of growth, then that adds to it. But we talked with this group about not being easily discouraged and continue to do what we do by play hard and compete. We are learning what it is we need to do in games to handle it better. The biggest thing [for us] was to grow and keep learning...When you play against us, hopefully you packed a lunch."

##### *On the future of Chattanooga basketball*

"We have a lot of experience. We have a lot of guys who have played a lot of minutes, but that is what the circumstances dictated some times. Now the challenge is to improve in the offseason, and to take the experience you learned and let it dictate your actions. If you don't, then you are not really learning, you are just doing the same thing you were doing."

**Sophomore Makale Foreman**

*On the shift of momentum in the game*

"[ETSU] had a good run towards the end of the half. We did not get the stops that we needed. And that carried over in the second half, and they went on the run to start the second half. We just did not get the stops that we needed."

**Junior Makinde London**

*On the foundation laid for next season*

"I think this whole year was a foundation [for the future]. From the outside, there was not a lot of expectations for us coming into this season. We did a great job in handling the outside media. We were still learning and growing, and still able to compete every night. [Tonight] was just another battle wound that will eventually make us better."