



2018 Southern Conference Basketball Tournament



No. 2 ETSU vs. No. 6 UNCG

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ETSU

Head Coach Brittney Ezell

Opening Statement:

"Wow, kind of surreal. There can be so many ups and so many downs. The one thing that remained constant was the kids in white. They pulled together and stayed together. All the credit belongs to the kids in uniform. I'm happy for them, I'm happy for ETSU, I'm happy for Johnson City. Thrilled to be back in the finals. I will enjoy our time with these kids because they are remarkable."

On what the team has learned from previous matchups with Mercer

"They are phenomenal. They hit open shots, they play well together. They are led by upperclassmen and have done a great job. A loss isn't a loss until you lose the lesson, and the lesson is that we have to be really, really good on Sunday."

Junior forward Raven Dean

On what makes ETSU believe in itself when the team steps on the court

"I would say we know our ability individually and as a team. We play hard, we give great effort and when we do that, we know we can be unstoppable and be one of the best teams."

On whether it sinks in immediately or a while after the game that the team is playing in the final Sunday

"I think it's immediately after the game. When the buzzer sounds, you just are excited for all the hard work you put in and for not giving up. When the buzzer sounds, I think it's immediate gratification."

On what the team has learned from previous matchups with Mercer

"I think playing them twice and not being successful, we learned a lot. We watched film, so we were able to pick out our pros and cons to help better ourselves individually and as a team. I think we are prepared for it."

Freshman guard Erica Haynes-Overton

On whether the tournament environment feels different if it feels like just another game to her

"No, I'm used to this environment. I'm built for it. I have the perfect teammates and coaches to help me and prepare me."