



2018 Southern Conference Basketball Tournament



No. 3 Furman vs. No. 6 Western Carolina March 3, 2018

Furman

Coach Bob Richey

Opening statement

"I thought the guys came out with the right mentality. We had some defensive goals that we were focused on. At halftime we hit some of our marks...we closed out and finished our business."

On moving forward after that win

"The difference is the mentality and whole business strategy. You can't come out here hoping to be successful, you have figure out who you are and play to your strengths. You have to play with confidence. It's the team that responds the most that's going to be able to get this done."

Daniel Fowler

On confidence

"As long as we lock up and play defense, offense will take care of itself. We know that we have many offensive weapons but our ammo is defense."

Western Carolina

Coach Larry Hunter

Opening statement

"Like the previous two games, we just struggled to guard [Furman]. Their percentages in the first half were just off the charts both from the field and from behind the 3-point line. We did hold them to one 3-pointer in the second half, but we dug ourselves such a hole, it was really hard to get back in it. I thought the effort and energy was good midway through the second half when we got it down to 15, but we just could not get over the hump to get it down under double-digits. [Furman] is a nice team. I have great respect for what they do. They are a very good offensive team. They have a lot of people who can shoot it and they pass it well. They execute well and they play with great energy. They are a good team."

On Marcus Thomas and the WCU freshman class

"Marcus really gave us a big lift when we were struggling to find someone who could get it going for us in the first half. He had a good ball game. His ability to score helped us, and he made good decisions. All three of our freshman had solid years. We just have to get a few more people around them and continue to build."