



2018 Southern Conference Basketball Tournament



No. 1 Mercer vs. No. 8 Western Carolina March 1, 2018

Mercer

Head Coach Susie Gardner

On the key stretch in the second half where Mercer extended the lead:

"We missed a lot of lay ups. We were pretty good in transition. We hadn't played zone in forever, but we got an opportunity this game.

On getting out to a fast start:

"It was a seven-point game last time, so I didn't have to say much to our team because Western proved they could play with us. It was important for us to get out to an early lead."

Point guard Sydni Means

On moving into second place all-time for SoCon assists:

"That's news to me, but that's pretty cool. I couldn't do it without my teammates, I'm fortunate to have such good shooters around me. I just thank God and my teammates."

On the tournament this year:

"The last two years we've been the underdog and this year we are on the other side of it. There's a little more pressure, but we're more mature now and we're ready for the challenge."

Shooting guard Kahlia Lawrence

On her 23-point game:

"It's good to start the tournament off well. I was fortunate to shoot the ball well today, but I need to keep it going...I could have rebounded better, so I'll work on that."

On getting every team's best game:

"It makes for a good game. As competitors we enjoy it. We've played pretty well, so we expect that from other teams. We know that anybody can play well any day."

Western Carolina

Head Coach Stephanie McCormick

On the team's performance:

"First and foremost, it's been a tough season for us. We've overcome a lot of adversity. This was a tough loss for us. I'm so proud of our team. After all we've gone through. I'm really proud of how we finished the season."