



# 2018 Southern Conference Basketball Tournament



## No. 1 UNCG vs. No. 5 Wofford March 4, 2018

### UNCG

#### **Coach Wes Miller**

##### *Opening statement*

"Wow what a basketball game. The team we played against, that is one heck of a team. I want to tip my cap to Wofford, it feels like one of the harder coached teams I've ever coached and I'm sure my players would say it was one of the hardest played teams they've ever played. As far as our group, we talked about building a defensive mentality. I thought we took some steps forward tonight and grew a little bit as a defensive team. We had some careless plays but I thought our defense and energy and effort defensively, even though it wasn't perfect, kept us in the game. I'm just really happy we get to stay around Asheville for one more night."

##### *On last 13 seconds of the game*

"I wanted to make sure we had the right matchups and give ourselves the best chance to discourage quality shots and box out. So, we went into full court man. The idea was to make a really tough one, to not give up an easy one. I feel fortunate those things [last shots] didn't go a couple inches or we'd be in here probably crying."

##### *On maturity of the team*

"We have a really mature team that's been through a lot of battles. I know we're going to handle adversity the right way. The questions for us this weekend is if we're going to be able to handle it quickly enough the right way. We're a team that's built to handle adversity, we got the right kind of people first and experience second."

##### *On being back in the championship game*

"It means a great deal that we're back here. I think our mindset is a little different. We've been here, we know what it feels like to go down the mountain feeling poorly, so we're really focused right now. No doubt, it does mean quite a bit."

#### **Junior Francis Alonso**

##### *On the game-winning shot*

"All I have to say is it was a really tough game. But I have to say my teammates were the ones that gave me confidence at all times. Even though I wasn't shooting the ball well, when you have great teammates that have your back, you feel at the end of a possession, shots are going to go in. I knew I was feeling good, I've been working a lot this summer and I'm really happy we pulled it off."

#### **Junior Demetrius Troy**

##### *On how hard it is to defeat a team three times*

"I think it's really hard to beat a team three times. They get the familiarity of how we play. I think for us, we have a great coach and coaching staff, and guys that are really bought in. So were able to prepare. I believe that is how we were able to become victorious over Wofford tonight."

##### *On being back in the championship game*

"Very rarely in life do you get do-overs. For everyone returning, we have a different mindset. We are very prepared for this moment. This is one of our goals that we've had all season. I just think it's a reflection on our coach on why we're able to come back."

### Wofford

#### **Coach Mike Young**

##### *On the final 13 seconds of the game*

[The Citadel](#) · [East Tennessee State University](#) · [Furman University](#)  
[Mercer University](#) · [University of North Carolina at Greensboro](#) · [Samford University](#)  
[University of Tennessee at Chattanooga](#) · [Virginia Military Institute](#) · [Western Carolina University](#) · [Wofford College](#)

"We typically do not call a timeout [in that situation], but we thought it would be best and to make sure that we have the right thing on. We were going to put two really good players in that action, and that is what we did. I thought both [shots] were in."

**Junior Fletcher Magee**

*On playing a defense like UNCG*

"It's tough. They do a good job of slowing you down and getting you in the half court with less time to work. Sometimes we did not create good shots, and other times we had to shoot something tougher at the end of the shot clock."

**Freshman Storm Murphy**

*On his final shot of the game*

"I got the rebound, and pump-faked someone and took one dribble. It felt really natural like a one-dribble pullup. It felt really good but it did not go in."