

# 2019 Ingles Southern Conference Basketball Championships presented by General Shale



**No. 7 Samford 100, No. 10 The Citadel 71**  
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## **Samford Bulldogs**

### **Head coach Scott Padgett**

#### *Opening statement*

"I just thought the effort that we played with tonight for 40 minutes was really good. We weren't perfect, we made some mistakes. But we can make up for a lot of those mistakes when we play with a great effort. On the offensive end, we shared the ball. With the great ball movement, we got great open looks and we were knocking down shots."

#### *On Brandon Austin's performance (26 points, seven rebounds)*

"When B.A. rebounds the ball, he scores the ball, it's that simple. When he's getting rebounds, he's locked in. And when he's locked in, he makes shots."

#### *On moving to the second round*

"Tonight is tonight. What it did was give us an opportunity to play tomorrow. I told (the team) we're going to celebrate this win – for about 30 minutes. Because we have to go get ready for UNCG."

### **Redshirt junior guard Brandon Austin**

#### *On the key to his performance*

"The team did a good job of finding me. Every time they saw me open, they tried to find me in the corner. I feel they helped me out a lot right there."

## **The Citadel Bulldogs**

### **Head coach Duggar Baucom**

#### *Opening statement*

"Congratulations to Samford. They did really, really well. They shot the ball extremely well. They made us do a few things that we didn't want to do but credit to them for making shots in the first half. I think what killed us was that seven minutes in the second half where we only scored four points and they made some, so credit them and they'll have to regroup and play again tomorrow but I'm very, very proud of my guys. I thought we fought till the very end and I'm very proud of them for that."

#### *On Jerry-Gene Higgins' first start today*

"He was awesome. We told him beforehand that he was built for this. He has literally had less than 24 hours' notice that he was going to be the starting point guard. We spent all day convincing him that he was the best point guard in the country that nobody knew about. And he played pretty well. Twelve points and six assist, pretty good job for him. I'm not sure he's played 32 minutes all year combined and he goes out there and fights like that against probably one of the best defensive players in (Josh) Sharkey in the league. So we're very, very, very proud of Jerry. I told him he just had to come out six months earlier than we expected him to."

**Senior forward Zane Najdawi**

*On his career at The Citadel*

"I honestly just have to give all the credit to Coach B and the coaches. Nobody gave me a chance and Coach B did. He believed in me my whole career from freshman year. He put me in this position to be the player I am at the end of it so I just thank my coaches and my teammates for getting me the ball, for being with me through everything. It's all credit to them."