

# 2019 Ingles Southern Conference Basketball Championships presented by General Shale



**No. 4 ETSU 68, No. 5 Chattanooga 64**  
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## **ETSU Bucs**

### **Head coach Steve Forbes**

#### *Opening Statement*

"I want to give Chattanooga a ton of credit. I thought they played an outstanding game. They made some 3s early and got us on our heels, but we fought back. Tray (ETSU guard Tray Boyd III) did a good job coming off the bench (for us). In the second half, we were fouling too much and we weren't finishing possessions, so that kept (Chattanooga) in the game."

#### *On production from the bench (38 points from the bench, including 21 by Boyd)*

"We've had seven or eight leading scorers this year, seven different guys scored 20 or more. So, we've got some guys coming off the bench like Tray who really are starters. We go eight or nine deep, sometimes 10, so I'm really not that surprised by that just because of what I've seen from them all year long."

#### *On his 100th win at ETSU*

"It's not my 100th win, it's our 100th win. It takes a lot of people for something like that to happen for four years. First, it takes really good players and we've had them. I have a wonderful staff. I trust them 100 percent. We have tremendous backing from our administration and we have outstanding fans, so it means a lot to me because that's a lot of wins in four years."

#### *On Bo Hodges' driving layup with 1:42 remaining after Chattanooga pulled within 62-61*

"We call (the play) 'Memphis.' I played with a guy in college who was a great scorer. His definition of 'give and go' was 'Give me the ball and go get the hell out of my way.' Basically, that was give and go: Give Bo the ball and go get out of his way."

#### *On playing nationally 22nd ranked Wofford Sunday*

"We've had some good match-ups with them this season. The game at home was overtime, a two-point game. They're the favorite and they deserve it. But, that doesn't mean we can't beat them and we're going to come at them tomorrow."

### **Junior forward Jeremy Rodriguez**

#### *On playing Wofford*

"The first meeting, I don't think we had the chemistry we have now. We have to play hard for 40 minutes from the jump."

### **Junior guard Tray Boyd III**

#### *On playing Wofford*

"Like Coach said, (Wofford) has no weaknesses and they're going to bring it tomorrow. We're pumped and excited to bring it as well."

## **Chattanooga Mocs**

### **Head coach Lamont Paris**

#### *Opening statement*

"I thought the guys competed really hard today and really well and that gave us a great chance to be in position to get done what we came here for. I was really happy about the way they competed above all else. Some of the sacrifices they made as far as shot selection from the weak-side helped. And some things that our guys at times have struggled with and remembered to do or have done this season - today they were locked in and they were focused. Above all else I thought that they competed at a really high level and at the end of the day that's what put us in the situation that we were in."

#### *On the learning experience*

"I hope they can learn from this because it shows growth through struggles and having some failures and amidst those failures, figuring out what you did that you had successes with. That's all a part of growing. We have a young team. These guys know I don't make any excuses for that but as a fact we have a relatively young team. So they have to learn."

### **Redshirt Sophomore guard David Jean-Baptiste**

#### *On his late game shots*

"I give thanks to my teammates for those screens and getting me open in the first place. Those were definitely some tough shots but they had to be made and coach emphasizes making the play in tough times. With the shot clock going down you just have to make a play, so I just did what I did. I thank my coaches for having that confidence in me to take those kind of shots, so I did and the shots went in."

### **Redshirt Sophomore forward Ramon Vila**

#### *On where he expects the team to be next year*

"I'm not going to make any predictions now. That's not my job. What I can guarantee you guys is that we are going to work really hard this summer. Of course by next season, we'll have more experience and we'll be right there. We'll be better than this year for sure. We're going to work as hard as we can to go as high as we can."