

2019 Ingles Southern Conference Basketball Championships presented by General Shale



No. 1 Wofford 70, No. 2 UNCG 58
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Wofford Terriers

Head coach Mike Young

Opening Statement

"I applaud UNC Greensboro. Exceptionally well coached. Really really good players. (Francis) Alonso has been a thorn in my side the whole year and so has (Demetrius) Troy. That was an old-fashioned rock fight right there for a while. It was like watching a tractor pull. They're really good players and a team with a nice level of resolve and we found a way. I don't really know how we did it but we found a way. I'm happy and excited for a team that is, needless to say, pretty special."

On the progression of his career

"It's been very gradual. We weren't very good. In 2002, I wasn't very good. But we got a little bit better and it's all about players. It's all about getting players. Anybody can coach this team."

Junior guard Nathan Hoover

On his style of play

"That's just how I've always grown up to play. Whatever you want to do, you do it with all you've got and I'm just a very emotional person and I know when I get very emotional and I get the fans, I can get my teammates fired up. I know we're very tough to beat. Some shots went in, I started feeling good. Everybody is focused on Cam (Jackson) and Fletcher (Magee) so much because they are such good players, so I had a chance to get some open shots."

Senior guard Fletcher Magee

On what this championship means to the senior class

"It means ten times more than any individual milestone that any of us could achieve. We came in together; our goal was to win the conference tournament and go to the NCAA Tournament and win some games in the NCAA Tournament."

Senior forward Cameron Jackson

On the NCAA tournament selection

"The depth of our league is so good. It would be kind of frustrating to see some of the teams like Furman, UNCG, ETSU not get a chance when, in my opinion, they can play with and beat some of the teams but it is usually a one-bid league so this game meant a lot for us."

UNCG Spartans

Head coach Wes Miller

Opening Statement

"First off, congratulations to Wofford. Mike (Wofford head coach Mike Young) has an unbelievable basketball team. We have just the utmost amount of respect for them. And they have had one of the most amazing years I've ever seen in mid-major basketball. They deserve to be a top-25 team in the country."

"I've got an amazing team, too. I'm as proud of my guys tonight as I've ever been, even though the result isn't what we wanted it to be. I thought our guys competed. We executed a very different game plan than we've played all year without any practice time and a really short prep. We played our guys a lot of heavy minutes the last three days and our kids kept fighting. They've done it all year. They are a championship caliber team, but we just came up a little bit short tonight."

On Wofford pulling away late in the game

"You look at (the final score), it's a 12-point game, but it's not a 12-point game. We were fouling late. It was a two-possession game with two minutes left. I don't know if there was any one factor. We had trouble scoring down the stretch. You go cold on offense and they scored a little bit, especially on the free throw line, and it gets away from you pretty quick."

On hoping for the Southern Conference's first-ever at-large bid

"If this conference doesn't get two bids, I will lose a lot of confidence in what this system is all about. This league - it says it nationally, just look at where this league is ranked (11th out of 25 Division I conferences). Leagues that have been ranked here have gotten multiple bids. We have a top 20 team in the nation; they've played like it all year. And we've got a couple other dang good teams. And we've got one here. I think we have an unbelievable resume to get in the tournament."

Senior guard Francis Alonso

On what his time at UNCG has meant to him

"I've been so proud. I've been so grateful for the opportunity the coaches gave me from my first year. I'm grateful for the way they've treated me, not just as a player, but as a person as well. That's the most beautiful thing I've seen in this sport. I'm always going to have UNCG in my heart."

Sophomore guard Isaiah Miller

On the intensity of a conference championship game and NCAA Tournament bid

"Like my coach says all the time, big players do big things. We played with that (sense of) urgency for a guaranteed bid. I'm one of these guys, just like Francis - I want that moment."