



2017 Southern Conference Basketball Championship

presented by General Shale



No. 1 Chattanooga 85, No. 8 Western Carolina 41
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Chattanooga Mocs

Coach Jim Foster

On the team's performance

"I thought we moved the ball well and we talked. When we do those two things, we're going to upset some pretty good teams."

On how shooting 3-pointers has opened up more for the team offensively

"We've gradually started to become a better 3-point shooting team in the last three weeks or so. That makes us a better team, because we have players that can go to the basket and it stretches the other team out."

On facing either Furman or UNCG in the next round

"They're both good and well-coached teams. The more you progress in the season, the better teams you're going to play. This is the time where you need to be playing your best and making sure your team understands what is at stake. We're just going to roll it out. Both are good teams, well-coached with tough kids. I look forward to playing either one of them."

Chattanooga senior center Jasmine Joyner

On the importance of having a good start

"It was very important. We talked about things we needed to work on and adjust to, and I think we adjusted well. It's important to start the tournament off with good energy, to communicate and to play team ball. That's what we did today."

On having fun during today's game

"When you start like that, other players get to come in. We get to see them play and play with them; that makes the game even more fun. The best part was definitely when Molly (Melton) hit the 3; that was exciting and fun to be a part of."

Chattanooga redshirt junior guard Chelsey Shumpert

On having fun during today's game

"It was fun to play like that. Like (Joyner) said, a lot of communication, moving the ball and just playing together. When you play together, cohesive, and as one, it's just fun to play like that. So we'll continue and keep the intensity throughout the tournament."

Western Carolina Catamounts

Coach Stephanie McCormick

On how today's game can serve as motivation for next season

"We're a young team, so the young ladies that were out there playing is pretty much the team I'm going to have for next year. Hopefully they're as hurt, disappointed and angry as I know they are being the competitors that they are, and I can use that to fuel them going into the offseason and coming back for next season."

On speaking to the team at halftime

"My major concern with the team coming out at halftime was their character stepping back out on the floor after such a hard first half. My main focus was that we did still have fight. We did continue, or start to do, the things we had worked on and get back to the identity of who we are so we could finish, no matter what happened, we finish this season on who we are and not what we put out there in the first two quarters. I just told them that we have to bring the fight and we have got to come out and make sure that we at least have a chance at the end of this game."