



2017 Southern Conference Basketball Championship

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No. 2 Mercer 67, No. 7 Wofford 42
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Mercer Bears

Coach Susie Gardner

Opening statement

"Pleased with our entire game today. Wofford can get hot from the 3, and what a great player Chloe (Wanink) is, so we had to start strong. They did hit some 3s on us in the first quarter. Sydni (Means) did a great job running our team and KeKe (Calloway) shot the ball exceptionally well this game. Amanda Thompson did a great job rebounding. One of our focal points was to try and not get out rebounded."

On taking control after the three at the end of the first quarter...

"We went from zone to man to try and apply a little more pressure. One thing we tried to do was run a little bit. Trying to get the transition off hands is something that we like to do. Sydni (Means) is going to push it every single time. I thought Alex (Williams) went into the game and gave us huge baskets, rebounding, and gave us a spark off the bench. It always helps with KeKe (Calloway) shooting the ball well. They gave a lot of attention to Kahlia (Lawrence) as you would imagine, but she had five assists. I think we did a good job of finding open players when they were double-teaming her."

Mercer junior guard Sydni Means

On the 3 she hit at the end of the first quarter and her nine assists on the day

"I'm going to pretend I saw how much time was on the shot clock, but it's a lie. My teammates told me that there were three seconds left on the clock. I just threw it up and it went in, so that was nice. With the assists, we just ran our offenses. We had a great game plan. Our pick-and-rolls were working almost every time. Alex (Williams) was catching the ball very well. I was just throwing them up to her. She did a great job, so that's testament to our team and our coaching."

Mercer sophomore guard KeKe Calloway

On being comfortable during the game and scoring 20 off the bench

"Today I didn't start, so I was able to watch the first couple of minutes and just get a feel for the game. I just wanted to relax, go out, and do what I'm capable of doing. With a point guard like Sydni (Means), she'll find you if you're open, so I just have to knock them in."

Wofford Terriers

Coach Jimmy Garrity

Opening statement

"Want to give a lot of credit to Mercer. They are one heck of a team. They are very well coached. They are very athletic. They have scorers up and down their roster. They guard well. They made it tough for us to get into any of our sets. I give them a lot of credit. It's a well-deserved win for them. For us, I'm unbelievably proud of our team and our program. We faced a lot of adversity all year long and never made excuses. We battled night in and night out. We came out to play every single night. The thing I'm most proud of is how they came together to play as a team and played for each other. They held each other accountable. Unfortunately, it didn't go our way. Mercer made it hard for us."

On the difference between today's game and meeting Mercer in the regular season

"They lead the league in scoring. I felt okay about the first half, I think they only had 31. Their defense turned it up a notch. It made it hard. Chloe had a tough time catching the ball. We were catching it a little too far out to run our sets. Maybe we weren't doing enough to get open, but I give them a lot of credit. To beat a team like Mercer, you have to guard really well and make shots."

Wofford sophomore guard Chloe Wanink

On the Mercer defense

"I think they really packed it inside. When we were looking to drive, there were three girls there. They were good on the catch for the open shot. They were really active and boxing out."