



2017 Southern Conference Basketball Championship

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No. 1 Chattanooga 75, No. 4 UNCG 53
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Chattanooga Mocs

Coach Jim Foster

On the swing in momentum in the second half

"We just stuck to our game plan and pressured them better than we had been. We identified where their shooters were, and moved the ball on offense. If we do those things, it makes us a pretty good team."

On the difference from the last meeting with UNCG

"I think we took [the loss] personally. I think a lot of [our players] decided it was on them to rebound, and not just [Jasmine Joyner]. We really did a good job given that [Keiana Gilbert] was not out there, and she is usually one of the persons cleaning up in that area. I think it was a good team effort on the glass."

Chattanooga redshirt junior guard Chelsey Shumpert

On playing in the championship

"We know we have to have a lot of energy at the beginning and confidence going down to the last game of the championship. We just have to have confidence and maintain focus throughout the whole game."

Chattanooga senior center Jasmine Joyner

On team rebounding

"In the second game we lost to them, they had 24 second-chance shots, and today they only had six. I think we were boxing out today and being aggressive. But the major key was boxing out because [UNCG] is a good rebounding team."

Chattanooga freshman guard Lakelyn Bouldin

On playing for Chattanooga on this stage

"It's a great feeling to be here and play for this team. Chattanooga has set the standard in years past at this tournament, and I just want to do my part keep that."

UNCG Spartans

Coach Trina Patterson

Opening statement

"I'm really proud of our team's performance today. I thought we played with a lot of effort. Other than the free throws, I thought that the game was kind of even. We out-rebounded them and had our typical 14 offensive rebounds. We just didn't do the right things to draw fouls. I thought they did a better job of handling our pressure in the second half. In the first half, we were able to cough them up and rattle them some, but in the second half, they were able to handle it better and they ended up with eight turnovers. We had a very good performance from our freshman, Nadine (Soliman). Overall, I'm proud of this team and this tournament run."

On the team's growth

"This team has grown tremendously in the last year. We focus on four things that we just call 'Spartan basketball.' We focus on defense like our lives depend on it. We were second in the conference for defense. We rebound; we have been able to out-rebound our opponents across the conference. We run."

We want pace. When we see that our point guards are pushing the ball, we like to keep good pace. I thought we did a fairly good job of that today and we were able to get some easy buckets from our pace. Lastly, we execute. We're not turning the ball over, we're getting good shot selection. I think I've seen growth in all four of those areas. We've been able to do this with six freshmen and six seniors. There's a lot of teaching that has to go on and a big learning curve. Our freshmen have really grown and they're playing minutes like seniors."

UNCG freshman guard Nadine Soliman

On the young team returning next year

"Like coach said, we have improved a lot. We had three players get honored from the SoCon, and we have the Coach of the Year. All of this with freshmen playing like seniors, getting the senior experience."

On bouncing back from her tough game yesterday (6 points, 4 rebounds)

"I just gave everything for UNCG. I wanted to win bad. I didn't want to win for me, but for the seniors. They have given us a lot, so I just wanted to give them a win today."