

2025 Southern Conference Women's Basketball Tournament
Game 4 – Wofford vs. Samford

Wofford

Head coach Jimmy Garrity – Samford is really well coached and they run stuff that's hard to guard. I thought they were one of the hottest teams in the second half of the conference schedule, and so for us to come in here and play well despite being a little bit short handed, I'm really proud of our team and their desire to help No. 5 (Helen Matthews) play one more game. I'll just speak real fast on Helen. To be honest, I didn't think she was going to play today, and it was just a gutsy, gutsy performance. One of the best that I've ever seen in my career. I know she's hurt, and then for her to come out there and play the way she played and her leadership was special. ... It's difficult in that situation with 10 or 11 seconds on the clock, and they're really pressing us, but just a great effort by Maddie Heiss to find a great cut by Evangelia (Paulk).

Student-athlete Helen Matthews – This could be my last time in a Wofford uniform and I don't want that to end, and especially with this group of girls who are so close. We put in so much work. I think I just want to do it with this team. I want to go out the way that I've always wanted to, and so I'm just leaving it all out on the floor.

Student-athlete Queen Ikhiuwu – At half time, I was thinking about what our coaches always say. They tell us to do whatever it takes to win. And I was thinking about Helen, our seniors, how much they've contributed to the team, and I just knew I had to give my best for them.

Samford

Head coach Carley Kuhns – Tough loss but I couldn't be prouder. Earlier in the season, I think maybe we wouldn't have done that, but the growth this team has had, the maturity. They made plays to get us back in that game. We were right there, neck and neck, and we had an opportunity to win that game. ... I thought we came to play. I thought they played hard, played through some adversity, played through some foul trouble, and played through some injury. I have to give a big shout out to Helen Matthews too. That was pretty tough of her to come off that injury and do what she did today ... that was impressive.

Student-athlete Claire Johnson – It was my first time (in the SoCon Tournament). I didn't feel too nervous about it, because I trusted my team and knew we're going to give it a good shot. But I'm excited to be back next year. I think we can do a lot more, and I think we will do a lot more.

Student-athlete Alonya Walden – Obviously we didn't want to repeat what we did last year. As a returner, this loss felt like it was day and night compared to the loss last year. I can't really put my finger on what it was, but this team is just completely different, the personalities, the characteristics that we have, and like the heart that these girls have, is so much different.

Student-athlete Kennedy Langham – I felt like all season long, we just kept getting better. No matter what was thrown at us. We just were resilient and kept fighting, kept our foot on the gas no matter what. It sucks to lose, but we will be back.