

**2025 Southern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament**  
**Game 5 – ETSU vs. Wofford**

**Wofford**

**Head coach Dwight Perry** – That was a heck of a game. A really good college basketball game. This is what Asheville is about. It's what the SoCon is about. We have a lot of respect for Coach Savage and the ETSU program. They do a great job. They have a lot of history. There's been a lot of battles over the years between Wofford and ETSU, not just in the regular season, but up here in the tournament. ... We were very confident that if we put forth maximum effort, not only physically but mentally, towards the game plan and executed on both ends of the floor, we felt like we had a really good chance. ... In order to come out of this tournament, you have to win three games against three really good teams that are well coached. We did step one tonight.

**Student-athlete Jackson Sivills** – It was part of our game plan to make it as tough as we can on (Quimari Peterson) and just try to wear him down. And I think that it was a team effort. Justin is a great defender. He didn't get all defensive team for nothing, but we were there to help, to make shots tough on them. When one person maybe got beat, another man was there to help, and that was the most important thing tonight. And I think it wore them down towards the end.

**Student-athlete Kyler Filewich** – We got off to a bit of a slow start. They came out 7-0. We fought back from that, and they went on another run, making big plays like we've talked about. ... We knew we were going to fight adversity. That's something we've dealt with throughout the whole year, and we did a good job responding when that happened today. Going down 10, being able to come back and tie it up was big. And then coming out of the second half we made some big shots, kind of put them on their heels, and from there, we were able to build some momentum. It was really good for us.

**Student-athlete Justin Bailey** – In the locker room, we were just saying don't get too high and don't get too low. Don't deviate from the game plan. We've got shooters on our team. I've seen my teammates put in countless hours in the gym. And I mean, that's just a testament to the chemistry we've got. We trust each other.

**ETSU**

**Head coach Brooks Savage** – Credit to Wofford. They are extremely well-coached and experienced, so give them a lot of credit. They made the plays down the stretch they needed to make to win a game like that. I thought they beat us up on a backboard. They made plays at crunch time. The four-point play when it was tied at 54 was what put us in a hole. ... We didn't eliminate losing. They got second shots. We fouled. We took care of the ball for the most part, but they got us in transition a little bit. ... This time of year it comes down to some very simple things, and we just didn't execute them as well as we have other nights.

**Student-athlete Karon Boyd** – We knew coming into the game that we needed to crash the boards and limit the amount of second-chance points? So like coach said, poor execution. We couldn't control the controllable.