

2025 Southern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament
Game 6 – Furman vs. Samford

Furman

Head coach Bob Richey – To beat a team of that caliber three times in a season is hard to do. I think ESPN analytics had them picked to win the tournament. And we know how good of a coach Bucky (McMillan) is and how good their program is, but we got a group that's playing with a lot of confidence. They've just taken the challenge on. Nobody really thinking they got a chance in this thing. ... We've been counted out for a while, probably mid-January, and now we're one of four (teams) left. That doesn't guarantee anything, but, man, these guys fought tonight. I think you saw that. ... We've got to get rested up. We know we have a big challenge with Chattanooga. And we have a quick turn. ... I think you saw the quality of the league today, right? I mean, three lower seeds (won). Think the seeds mattered in this thing? Just a lot of talk, and fortunately, we have a group that just refused to listen, kept getting better, continued to believe, and really just played with that no-surrender mentality.

Student-athlete Nick Anderson – I like it honestly. (The arena) kind of reminds me of some Indiana gyms I used to play at. My teammates were able to find me tonight, and thankfully, the shots went in. ... I came out in the first half just knowing that this could be my last game, last ride. So leave no doubt, just be aggressive.

Student-athlete PJay Smith Jr. – (In the 1-3-1 zone) I'm able to pressure more on the ball, and we're in the gaps. Then we got a seven-footer, the best blocker and the best defender in the league, and it's just awesome to have somebody down there and that if you get beat, he could come and clean up for you.

Samford

Head coach Bucky McMillan – I'm really proud of our team and our season. When you lose by 17 points, you might feel like you played bad, but it was just Furman's night. Furman would have beat everybody in the league tonight, and probably by double digits. Anytime you get to a playoff game and you come with 10-for-15 from (3-point range) in the second half, shoot nearly 60 percent from (3-point range) for the game and make 17 (3-pointers), it's going to be hard to lose. So they played well. A lot of those threes, I thought our guys actually played pretty good defense. They just had it going. And that's just sometimes how it is. So hats off to them. ... I told my players in the locker room, this is not a game that we lost. They just won the game. They just made great plays and great shots.

Student-athlete Rylan Jones – I couldn't be not be more proud of our guys. You see our fight every game. You know, like coach said, we're not the best offensive team Sanford's ever had, but never count us out in any game because of our character, our heart and our relentlessness to just continue to fight even when games seem out of reach.

Student-athlete Josh Holloway – I'm just trusting the process and trusting what Coach Bucky says and staying the course. ... Eventually, like the past 10 games, it's just been going well for me. Just be coachable and that's what coach has been telling me since I got here.