

## 2025 Southern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament Championship – Furman vs. Wofford

### **Wofford**

**Head coach Dwight Perry** – Hats off to Furman. They have a great coaching staff and a lot a good players. This is an amazing feeling and there's not a program more deserving of this than this group that we have. ... I couldn't be more proud of the group of people we have in our program, and I mean it's not just players. It's the people, players, managers, coaches, and trainers. This is for everybody associated with Wofford College. ... The adversity that this group has faced is more than probably anyone will ever know ... but they also have shown that they can withstand just about anything – and they've done it together. This is a program that has won championships, a lot of them, and they've been earned. They haven't been given. And what you saw (tonight) is the heart of a champion on display for 40 minutes.

**Student-athlete Kyler Filewich** – I played hockey growing up, but ended up switching to basketball because I – frankly – wasn't that good at hockey. ... Being at Southern Illinois for two years, I knew about Wofford and this is the reason I wanted to come here. The pedigree of the program – five championships since 2010. Now we made it six. I'm so glad to be a part of it. That's the reason I came here – go dancing. And I'm so happy, so proud of all my guys for making it happen.

**Student-athlete Jackson Sivills** – I was just trying to do my best to win. That was my main prerogative, my only prerogative. That's all I wanted to do since I got an offer. My goal when I came here was to put another banner up in Jerry Richardson (Indoor Stadium), and I'm blessed to be able to say that we did it. ... There's a story that hasn't been talked enough about this week. Anthony Arrington going down with a sickness on Friday night. He hasn't been able to be with the team. He's down bad right now with his sickness, and we said tonight, we're doing it for him. And I don't know if he'll ever see this, but we love you, bro. We did it for you.

**Student-athlete Corey Tripp** – We've gone through a lot of adversity, especially these three guys up here, since we've gotten on campus, but it was all worth it. I'm blessed to be able to be on this team, to go to Wofford, and to be a Terrier. I couldn't be happier right now. ... Furman gave us their best shot.

### **Furman**

**Head coach Bob Richey** – Similar to last night, just an unbelievable college basketball game. Unfortunately, we came out on the wrong side of it. But I think through the national TV audience of yesterday in those games, and then tonight, I think you continue to see the quality of our league. And unfortunately, at this level, one advances and another doesn't. ... Dwight has done a great job with his team. They've got a lot of talent. I mean, they've got the best big man in the league, and (Corey) Tripp is a senior that's one of the top guards in the league. They had some guys step up and make some big shots today – as did we. It was kind of blow for blow.

**Student-athlete Garrett Hien** – (The fans) have been great since I've been here. We're not in this game without them. It was pretty purple in here. It was amazing. It was a great turnout from them. And (I gestured to them in) appreciation. I mean, even when we were down, they were still

cheering and they always had our backs. Just appreciation for the past five years. I've had an amazing five years and they've always had my back. It was just a thank you to them.

**Student-athlete PJay Smith Jr.** – The program has meant a lot to me. I've made brothers and I've made relationships that will last forever. I love all my teammates, Coach Richey, all my coaches, like I love them all. I appreciate everything they've done. And this program has done a lot for me. I really appreciate it.

**Student-athlete Nick Anderson** – Yeah, this is probably the best team I've been a part of – just how we came together and the connection that this team has. It starts with the head coach. I want to thank him for giving me this opportunity. I learned so much with my one year being here and I'm just so grateful for everything that this program has given me.