

**2025 Southern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament
Game 8 – VMI vs. Wofford**

Wofford

Head coach Dwight Perry – Credit to Coach Wilson and VMI. They've not only had a great tournament, they've had a heck of a year. They've done an unbelievable job. ... I thought we played a really clean game today. To have two turnovers, I mean, without having to go back, I would venture to say that is definitely a season low. So the fact that we're in the semifinals of the SoCon (Tournament) and we only had two turnovers in the game? Credit goes to these guys for executing the game plan. Obviously, that game plan was on short notice, but I thought overall, we did a great job of playing with the intensity and focus that we needed to on both ends. I thought it set the tone early, and for the most part, I thought that level stayed where it needed to be. I was really proud of our guys overall effort and focus for 40 minutes. ... Nothing needs to be said. I mean, at the end of the day, our goal was to win a Southern Conference Championship, and we're 40 minutes away from that.

Student-athlete Dillon Bailey – I think the message is just one day at a time. We're focused on tomorrow, whatever that outcome is going to be, that's going to take care of itself. We're focused on the day and business at hand.

Student-athlete Corey Tripp – VMI is a really good team too, so credit to them. We can't look past a team like that. We didn't. I'm just proud of my guys for coming out here and getting the win and moving on.

Student-athlete Kyler Filewich – It means everything. It's what we preach. We preach it every day. We talk about it when we break every huddle – Monday night. That was our goal. Our only goal this year was to make it here. Now it's up to just doing what we can do tomorrow night, bringing forth our best effort, and hopefully doing enough to come out with a win. But it's not going to be easy. We know it's a great team on the other side, so we got a day to prepare and see what happens.

VMI

Head coach Andrew Wilson – I'm unbelievably proud of my guys. Of the season that we had. We fought through an incredible amount of adversity all season. Every time our backs were against the wall, we responded. I told my guys in the locker room, it's the end of the season, but it's just the beginning. We feel like because of the youth on our team, that we can come back here again next year and make some noise again and be able to compete for a championship. We ran into a team tonight who played really well. Credit to Wofford. They outplayed us. ... During my first two seasons at VMI, we had some really, really difficult moments. We've had some dark nights and this was the first time since I've been here that we've advanced in the tournament. That we've won a game, and now we won two games. I think we, these guys, have earned the respect of the rest of this league, and I think that we're going to be a force to be reckoned with in this league moving forward. ... These guys probably don't know it, but they've changed my life. They've given me hope as a coach, and a lot of people didn't think that we could build a program

in this league. They didn't think that we could raise the bar in this current landscape of college athletics. And we've proven people wrong and I'm just unbelievably proud. There's not a prouder coach in the country than I am.

Student-athlete Rickey Bradley – Fighting to the end, that's just fighting for our pride and who we are – not as basketball players – but as men off the court. If we were to give in, then we would give in in life. And coach has told us about that all year. The few losses we'd have had that got away from us. When it comes down to that, you got to fight for who you are as an individual and as a group. Being the leader on the team, if I quit, then that just makes it okay for everybody else to quit. So I kept trying to play to the end and tried to mount a comeback.

Student-athlete Augustinas Kiudulas – To be honest, I don't even want to look at what's going to come next. I'm just going to reflect on this game and this season, first, now, and then I will think about the future later. Obviously, it's not the way we wanted it to end, but I mean the biggest turnaround in program history? So that's a positive, and just, you know, gives us hope looking forward.