

**2025 Southern Conference Women's Basketball Tournament Championship
Game 7 – UNCG vs. Chattanooga**

UNCG

Head coach Trina Patterson – Our team's put in so much work, so many hours they committed to make themselves better daily. And so to receive the reward – we feel like mission accomplished. ... This is the best mentally tough team I've ever coached. And so nothing rattles us. We never get down with confidence, and that composure gives you championships. ... (Khalis Cain) is our MIP, our "most important person" on defense. She anchors the defense. She's a rim protector. We call her a street sweeper. She can take everything away, and then at the same time she rebounds. So she imposes her will. She's the anchor of the defense. ... It's been a journey really, and I'm thankful to God for allowing me to do what I love to do for this long. Lasting in this business is very difficult for a lot of coaches. But if you operate in love and you operate to elevate your players and make them better -- then you see where we are after doing it for 26 years. The goal is always to win a championship. We've been here three times, and we've been so close and to get here and actually get through it (is special).

Student-athlete Jayde Gamble – It feels great. You said it – 27 years (since UNCG's last title), but it doesn't feel like it. Our community and our fan base, we've been going at it for a long time, but I feel like every year has gotten better. I've only been here two years, but I came into a program that was already built on bleeding blue and gold, so I'm blessed to be in this position. ... I'm beyond excited (about the NCAAs). Like, God is good. We're always going to be prepared. Like coach said, we have the best coaching staff in the country.

Student-athlete Khalis Cain – We built this together. It wasn't a one person thing or wasn't just a head coach thing. It was everybody buying into the culture and like having each other's back. That was the main thing for the last two years that we've been grinding to do. We've been manifesting this for 27 years. ... We have a great group of girls that love one another and play hard for one another. Anytime we feel like we're down, I'm not worried about it, because we're going to fight back. So honestly, the pressure is on whoever we have to play next. The Lord gives us a bunch of opportunities. It's our job to take it. So we're just here to secure our opportunities and make sure that we thrive in what we're doing.

Chattanooga

Head coach Deandra Schirmer – I have the utmost respect for UNCG. They've had a great season. Trina's built a fantastic program over there at UNCG. I just hate it, because I feel like our girls were cheated tonight. I felt like our team fought with the spirit of champions. I thought they were more than deserving of winning the game. It's not hard to see what the difference in the game was. They had 24 points off of free throws. They shot 33 to our 13. So it's just tough being a coach and being in this position and understanding how hard my players work every single day, and when they're deserving of that, you want it for them. So I just feel for them right now. ... The thing I want this team to be defined by is their character, and I want to lead by example. And I think this team is a bunch of amazing women that will be remembered for way more than

this game. I'm so proud of them. I think that they laid it all out on the line today and I can't ask for anything else as a coach,

Student-athlete Sigrun Olafsdottir – I've grown a lot over the last five years and been taught a lot. This year was resiliency. We went through a lot together and we stayed together ... I think this team was amazing, and I'm so proud of them, even though we didn't get the win today. It was a tough game and we fought with all we had. So I just love this team, and we're going to keep building relationships throughout the years. And I'm so grateful for that.

Student-athlete Karsen Murphy – I'm just grateful for the years I got here. I really grew up in this program. It's hard to put into words just how grateful I am right now. ... This sucks (losing), but there's so many memories that mean so much more to me than winning championships, and that's what I'm going to hold on to for the rest of my life.