

**2025 Southern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament**  
**Game 2 – VMI vs. The Citadel**

**VMI**

**Head coach Andrew Wilson** – I'm a proud coach right now. Our program has been through a lot ... and this is the first tournament win in a long time for VMI. It's been five years, so this is a big step for our program. We started off a little bit clunky. I think our guys were a little nervous at first, but we were able to battle through that. I think our defense is something that we've relied on all season. It's different. It causes other teams issues a lot of times, and it kind of helped us hang in there until we could kind of find our footing today. We made it interesting there at the end, but it's survive and advance at this point. UNC Greensboro is one of the best teams in our league. There's a reason why they got the two seed. ... They have a real culture, a real identity, being one of the best defensive teams in our league every single year. So that will be a real challenge for us tomorrow.

**Student-athlete TJ Johnson** – A big thing for me has just been confidence. The coaches instill confidence in me every day. I remember in one of our first scrimmages, I had a poor shooting performance, and (the coaching staff) all came up to me and they told me, I don't want you to hesitate for a second if you can get it off – shoot it. So confidence has been big for me.

**Student-athlete Tan Yildizoglu** – I have been through the same thing with them (as international players). With Linus (Holmstrom), he's from Sweden too. Augustinas Kiudulas is from Lithuania. So basically, they've been through the same thing, and we were together in every situation. Not just them, though. TJ (Johnson) is my best friend here. So we were together in the red line in the school – everywhere.

**The Citadel**

**Head coach Ed Conroy** – I want to congratulate VMI. I thought both teams played really hard all night. Offensively, they struggled a bit early on, but when they came out and started the second half I thought they kind of established control. They're hard to guard and in the two games we played this year, we fouled them and they shot 30 plus free throws. We did a better job of that tonight, but they still had some key baskets when they needed to. But I love the way my guys fought to the end.

**Student-athlete Brody Fox** – I'm just grateful for my time here. I want to thank Coach (Conroy) for giving me this opportunity to play at the highest level possible. Coming from a Division III, I would have never expected to be at this level. But I just kept working. I put my trust in the coaches to be able to come and play and show my talents at this level. It means the world to me.

**Student-athlete Christian Moore** – I would say definitely it wasn't easy. Like there was a stretch where I believe we lost 19 straight games, and it was hard. There was days when we had to drive up to Johnson City, Tennessee on a random day and just fight. But it was a lot easier when you have guys like Brody Fox, Cam Glover and John Adams who you're fighting for. Like, if they walk in the locker room and are willing to give their all, I can't let them down.