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No. 1 Wofford 99, No. 8 VMI 72
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Wofford Terriers

Head coach Mike Young
On Wofford’s depth and six players scoring in double figures
“We talk about ‘1A’ and ‘1B.’ I feel like we have 10 starters, 11 starters. What a luxury to sit (starters) through an entire media timeout. (The 1B) came in at the under-16 timeout and we didn’t put (the starters) back in until the under-12 timeout. We weren’t playing very well and that 1B came in and flipped the game for us with their tenacity and connectivity defensively. I think our ability to play 11 guys is a luxury.”

On performances of Chevez Goodwin
“There’s not a finer man in a Wofford uniform. He has a couple rebounds every game that I say ‘Golly day, that’s a man!’ Over the last two months, he’s been a pivotal player for us. He’s awesome.”

On what to work on the rest of the tournament
“Just playing good basketball, that’s all we ask. We’re not going to be perfect. Fletch (Fletcher Magee) is going to miss a shot tomorrow, I guarantee. We’re going to play a little bit better defensively tomorrow. We need to play better. We will play better.”

Senior guard Fletcher Magee
On not having to carry the scoring load
“Like Coach was saying, on any given night, we have a bunch of guys who can come out and get you. If a team’s denying me the ball or making it hard on me, we have so many other scorers who can score the ball so easily and so efficiently.”

Junior guard Nathan Hoover
On being the top-seeded team in the tournament
“We know everyone’s out to get us. We have so much energy and so much faith in each other that we know we can get it done every night. We know everybody’s going to give us their best shot, but we’re ready for everybody.”

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Head coach Dan Earl
Opening statement
“Just to start off in case anybody wasn’t sure, Wofford is a very good team. It seemed like we ran into a buzz saw to start off the game. They were hitting us every which way. They’re obviously extremely hard to guard with the big guy, Cam Jackson, down low and then a variety of different shooters and they are deep as well. And, you look at programs and how they are run and they type of people that are around and you certainly have to have a ton of respect, I certainly do, for Coach Young, what he does and the whole Wofford program. And, he does it the right way. He’s a great guy and those kids all appear to have worked their tails off and got that program up and running. I wish them all the best going forward.”
On what makes Wofford a tough team
“The big thing is that they have an inside presence, certainly with Jackson, but also Keve Aluma who is a great rebounder and then they have all those guys on the perimeter that can knock down shots. It’s hard to defend the 3-point line and then play one on one with Cam Jackson down on the block. But not only that, they run a million different sets. They’re extremely difficult to guard. They’re well disciplined, tough kids, and they compete, so I can’t say enough about them across the board.”

Sophomore guard Bubba Parham
On defending Wofford
“It’s pretty tough because like coach said they have an inside and an outside game. You try and take one thing away and they go with the other, so you do the best you can and just live with the results.”