



2017 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Second-Round · No. 3 seed Florida State vs. No. 6 seed Missouri
Donald L. Tucker Center · Tallahassee, Fla. - Sunday, March 19, 2017

POSTGAME NOTES

No. 3 seed Florida State:

Florida State advanced to the Sweet 16 for the third straight year and fifth time overall (all coming under head coach Sue Semrau). The Seminoles will face the winner of No. 2 seed Oregon/No. 7 seed Creighton next weekend in the West Regional semifinals in Stockton, Calif.

The Seminoles improved to 27-6 over the season and 21-15 all-time in the NCAA Tournament.

Florida State improved to 3-2 all-time against Missouri, including three straight victories.

Florida State outscored Missouri 24-10 in the third quarter, making 8-of-14 field goals (57.1 percent).

Junior Shakayla Thomas led Florida State with 20 points and 11 rebounds – her second consecutive double-double, fifth double-double this season and 10th of her career. The 20-point effort is the 76th of her career and comes in her 100th career game. It also marks the eighth 20-point game this season for Thomas and the 16th 20+ game of her career.

The Coaches ACC Player of the Year, Thomas averaged 21.5 points and 12.5 boards, while shooting 52.7 percent from the floor (19-of-36) in her first two games of the 2017 NCAA Tournament.

Senior Leticia Romero scored 14 points – her 20th double-figure scoring game of the season and the 50th in her three years as a Seminole.

Romero made 2-of-3 3-pointers to increase her nation-leading 3-point percentage to .519 (55-106). Romero is also the ACC's career leader in three-point percentage at 48.1 percent (111-231). Her 55 3-pointers this season are the ninth-most by a Nole in a season. She moved into No. 10 in FSU history with 111 career treys.

Senior Brittany Brown stuffed the stat sheet with 16 points, eight assists and four steals. It marked her 17th double-figure game of the season and 54th of her career. Brown matched her career postseason high in points. She also had 16 points in the NCAA Tournament second round victory over Texas A&M in Tallahassee last year.

Brown moved into No. 5 in FSU single-season history with 162 assists, moving past Sheri Kaminski (155, 1984-84).

Brown moved into 17th in ACC history in career steals with four thefts in the game to give her 314 for her career to move past Duke's Abby Waner (313 steals, 2005-08).

Redshirt junior Imani Wright made 3-of-6 3-point attempts, making at least three treys in a game for the 14th time this season. Wright has made 67 3-pointers in 2016-17 – the fourth-most in a season by a Seminole.

Florida State trailed 17-12 22 seconds into the second quarter before using a 17-2 run to take control of the game. The Noles held the Tigers without a field goal for 7:12. Back-to-back 3-pointers from Romero and Wright gave the Seminoles a 26-19 lead at 4:21 in the second quarter and Romero capped the run with three free throw to make the score 29-19 at 3:49.

Missouri is the program-record eighth victory over an AP Top 25 opponent for the Seminoles.

Florida State improved to 27-2 when leading at the half.

No. 6 seed Missouri:

Missouri ends its season with a record of 22-11 after advancing to the NCAA Tournament second round in back-to-back seasons for the first time in school history.

The Tigers finished the season with a team- and SEC-record free throw percentage (.802). The Tigers entered the game shooting 80.3 percent from the line (455-of-467) and made 8-of-10 from the charity strip against the Noles to finish 463-of-577 (.802).

Senior Sierra Michaelis scored the game's first points on a layup 26 seconds into the contest. Michaelis scored the game-winning basket on a putback with 0.6 seconds left in Missouri's 66-64 first round victory over No. 11 seed USF. Michaelis finished with 10 points.

The Tigers missed their first seven three-point attempts before making two treys in a row to take a 17-12 lead less than a minute into the second quarter when freshman reserve Jordan Chavis made a jumper behind the arc.

Missouri trailed by 10, 29-19, but got back in the game when Sophie Cunningham made a 3 that brought the Tigers with 4, 29-25, and forced FSU head coach Sue Semrau to call a timeout with 2:21 left in the second quarter.

Missouri finished just 5-of-20 from behind the arc (25 percent).

Sophomore Sophie Cunningham scored a team-high 17 points – her 11th straight double-figure game and 26th double-figure game of the season.