



2018 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

NCAA First Round

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LOCKER ROOM QUOTES

MISSOURI

CIERRA PORTER

"That's just a matchup we haven't faced in the SEC. They don't really have an inside, post-up type of team. Kudos to them. They took advantage. It's just a journey that we weren't ready to end."

JORDAN FRERICKS

"We hadn't had the preparation for a different look like that, and that's what we practiced in the last few weeks. It's not like we lost the shooters in transition. I thought we fought tough."

"It's hard when you can't touch them while they're driving. I respected them for attacking us. That's just something next year, they'll have to learn from that experience."

"We had us sit full quarters, which is really hard. We had other girls step up. Sophie did a great job getting the ball inside, and we found her a lot."

"These past few weeks were pretty difficult for us, but you can't look at that as the defining factor for this team, because there's so much more. As seniors, we're just helping this program and hopefully, looking back, this can continue for our girls coming up. This year was awesome. It was awesome to have another opportunity to be back. It felt good."

"We weren't able to penetrate as much. That's just what happens when your two big men are in foul trouble and you can't get the ball inside."

FGCU

ROSEMARIE JULIEN

“We belong in this tournament. We’re hoping that now everyone knows what FGCU is about. The challenge out there against Missouri was really good and it made for an exciting environment. We went in knowing that we’d have to get them off their feet with shot-fakes, and it worked. It took a good offensive move for us to get around them and score over top of them. As tall as they were, we had to stick to that.”

TAYLOR GRADINJAN

“I think that our coach gave us an amazing game plan. They told us exactly how we wanted to guard (Sophie) Cunningham and chase her around. We always wanted vision on her and to never lose her. And we knew there shooters and non-shooters, so those defenders would be the ones helping.”

“Offensively, we knew which defenders to attack and who to screen. I think we executed very well. I don’t think we expected to drive to the basket as much as we did because they guarded the three-point line well. That’s not what we were expecting. But it ended up working out for us.”

“They were blocking a lot of our shots in the beginning, and obviously they were getting easy put-backs off of the rebounds we couldn’t get. Size played a big role in rebounding early, but I think we contained them and got their post players into foul trouble. That was good for us, because their post players can play well.”