

2016 SEC Women's Basketball Tournament Game 12 – Saturday, March 5 – 7:30 p.m. #7 Tennessee vs. #3 Mississippi State

TOURNAMENT NOTES

- Mississippi State is the first No. 3 seed to reach the SEC Tournament championship game since Vanderbilt accomplished the same feat in 2007
- Session 6 Attendance 5,632

TENNESSEE NOTES

- Tennessee's all-time SEC Tournament record falls to 77-20, while its record under fourth-year head coach Holly Warlick drops to 8-3
- The Lady Vols shot less than 30 percent from the field for just the third time this season, and they've suffered losses in all three of those games
- Tennessee's 18 field goals tied its second-lowest total of the season
- At the 8:31 mark of the first half, senior forward Bashaara Graves collected the 1,000th rebound of her career, becoming only the fifth Lady Vol in program history to amass 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds
- Redshirt sophomore guard Diamond DeShields scored 22 points to tally her second consecutive 20-point outing, as well as the third such effort in UT's last four games
 - DeShields owns eight 20-point games this season, and the Lady Vols were 5-2 in those games prior to tonight's loss

MISSISSIPPI STATE NOTES

- Mississippi State's all-time SEC Tournament record improves to 17-36
 - o The Bulldogs are 3-3 under fourth-year head coach Vic Schaefer
- Mississippi State will make its second SEC Tournament championship appearance in program history, with 2000 being the only other time it advanced to the title game which was a 70-67 loss to Tennessee
- For the fifth time this season, Mississippi State forced its opponent to shoot less than 30 percent from the field
- Mississippi State shot just 32.1 percent from the field (17-53), marking its lowest field goal percentage in any of its 26 wins this season
- The Bulldogs became just the third team to hold Tennessee to less than 50 points in a game this season
- For just the sixth time this season, Mississippi State made less than 20 field goals in a game, with tonight's win only being the second from those six games
- Sophomore guard Victoria Vivians logged the third 30-point game of her career
 - o It's also Vivians' second 30-point game of the 2015-16 season
- Vivians scored 30 of Mississippi State's 58 points, made 11 of its 17 field goals, and five of its seven three-pointers