

## 2018 SEC Women's Basketball Tournament Game 3 – Thursday, March 1 – 12:00 p.m. #9 Kentucky vs. #8 Alabama

## **KENTUCKY NOTES**

- The Wildcats are now 15-16 overall, 35-38 all-time in the SEC Tournament.
- Kentucky will play Friday to attempt to extend an eight-year streak of appearances in the SEC Tournament Semifinals. The last time UK did not advance to at least the semifinal round was 2009, when the Wildcats fell to Georgia, 82-64, in the first round.
- The Wildcats have won six straight games against Alabama and improve to 5-0 against the Tide in the SEC Tournament. UK is 30-17 all-time against Alabama, 13-2 under Matthew Mitchell
- This marked the first win of the season against an SEC opponent in which Kentucky trailed at the half and second victory overall. UK entered the game 1-14, 0-10 in SEC play, when trailing at the half
- Junior guard and UK season-scoring leader Maci Morris had 25 points, extending her streak of consecutive games with 20 or more points against SEC opponents to seven as she's scored in double figures in all but three of Kentucky's games this season.
- Morris led UK in scoring for the 20<sup>th</sup> time this season.

## **ALABAMA NOTES**

- Alabama fell to 17-13 on the season and 26-39 all-time in SEC Tournament Play.
- The Crimson Tide closed the first quarter on a 10-0 run in the final 5:14 after the Wildcats had evened the score at 8.
- The Tide loss extended the winless stretch of higher seed teams at the 2018 SEC Tournament, as the underdogs have won all three games.
- Senior Hannah Cook scored a team-high 21 points, her most since a 25-point effort against Mississippi State (1/14). Cook hit 4-for-5 from behind the arc in the second half and with her nine 3-point attempts became Alabama's career leader in attempts from three.
- Alabama lost their third consecutive contest, a streak that includes two overtime losses to close out the regular season to Georgia and LSU.
- The Tide owned a 25-23 advantage at the half and extended the lead to as much as nine points in the third period.
- Senior forward Ashley Williams moved into fifth place on the Alabama all-time rebounds list (829) with her 12 boards passing Terri Hillard's 823 (1980-84). Williams contributed 15 points for her sixth double-double of the season and 18<sup>th</sup> of her career. The Covington, Ga. native also paced the Tide in assists with five.
- Winning the offensive rebounding battle 15-5, Alabama was also able to hold a 18-4 advantage in second-chance points.