



2018 SEC Women's Basketball Tournament

Game 5 – Thursday, March 1 – 6:00 p.m.

#10 Auburn vs. #7 Tennessee

AUBURN NOTES

- Auburn fell to 14-15 overall on the season and 37-37 all-time at the SEC Tournament.
- The Tigers dropped their seventh game against ranked opponents this season and have now lost in their last 15 matchups with ranked teams since a win over No. 16 Florida in 2016.
- The SEC's leader in steals, Daisa Alexander, added six steals in the contest and contributed 13 points.
- Junior guard Jannah McKay led AU in scoring with 24 her tenth time reaching 20+ points. McKay hit 10-of-20 from the floor.
- For the second consecutive game against Tennessee, junior guard Emani Jones fouled out. Jones met the limit in 17 minutes of game action.
- Auburn took a 38-35 lead into the intermission for their 17th time and fell to 12-5 when holding a halftime break.
- AU held the Vols without a field goal for the nearly the final 4:57 of the game before the Vols hit a three with 0.5 seconds remaining.
- Coming into the game with the second most steals per-game in the nation, the Tiger defense did most of their damage through turnovers, forcing 24. They finished with more steals (15) than defensive rebounds (14).
- Auburn closed the first half on a 16-6 run punctuated by a half-court buzzer beater from Jannah McKay.

TENNESSEE NOTES

- The game featured 15 lead changes and was tied 14 times.
- The Lady Volunteers are now 24-6 overall, 79-21 all-time in the SEC Tournament. Tennessee is 33-5 in its opening game of the event.
- UT has now won 10 consecutive games in Bridgestone Arena, dating back to the 2008 SEC Tournament opener. UT is 13-2 all-time in the building, all in SEC Tournament games.
- Tennessee is 43-11 against Auburn, 10-4 in the SEC Tournament.
- Head coach Holly Warlick picked up win number 152 of her career, putting her 100 games over .500 in six years at the helm.
- Senior forward Mercedes Russell scored 12 points and pulled down 15 rebounds to record her 16th double-double of the season, a new Tennessee record for double-doubles by a senior.
- Russell is now tied with Candace Parker with 45 career double-doubles, second on the all-time UT list behind Chamique Holdsclaw (57).

- Freshman forward Rennia Davis' 3-pointer with 0.5 remaining was Tennessee's only field goal over the final 4:57 of the game.