



2018 SEC Women's Basketball Tournament

Game 13 – Sunday, March 4 – 3:30 p.m.

#2 South Carolina vs. #1 Mississippi State

TOURNAMENT NOTES

- Championship Game attendance: 8,215

SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES

- South Carolina became the first program to capture four consecutive SEC Tournament crowns. The Gamecocks improved to 26-6 on the season and 20-24 all-time at the SEC Tournament.
- The Gamecocks joined Auburn (1987-1990), Tennessee (1989-1992) and LSU (2005-2008) as SEC programs to play in four consecutive SEC Tournament finals.
- The Gamecock defense held MSU, the top 3-point shooting team in the league, to just 3-of-19 (15.8%) from behind the arc, including holding Blair Schaefer without a 3-pt field goal for the first time since Nov.
- A'ja Wilson won her second consecutive SEC Tournament MVP and finished her conference tournament career with a perfect 12-0 record. Wilson scored 16 and tallied eight boards in the contest.
- South Carolina held a 36-20 edge in points in the paint highlighted by Wilson's 12 paint points. SC's last five field goals of the game came in the paint
- Sophomore guard Tyasha Harris paced the Gamecocks in assists with seven during her 14-point night. The SEC's leader in assists-per-game also recorded six rebounds and three steals.
- South Carolina dominated the glass against the Bulldogs and finished with a 38-23 edge on the boards.
- The Gamecock defense held MSU to 20-of-58 shooting (34.5%) in the contest. Across three SEC Tournament games, SC opponents hit 62-of-208 (29.8%) from the field.
- The five MSU points in the second period were the fewest given up by the Gamecocks against an SEC opponent this season.
- Thanks to Wilson coming off the bench, SC outscored MSU 16-10 in bench points.
- The Gamecocks gave the ball to Mikiah Herbert Harrigan on four consecutive possessions to close out the first quarter. The sophomore knocked down four shots to push SC up by five at the period's close.

MISSISSIPPI STATE NOTES

- Mississippi State's unbeaten streak ended at 32 games. MSU's last three losses have come to South Carolina, in the 2017 SEC and National Championship games and today.
- The Bulldogs' 32-game winning streak was the second-longest in SEC history, behind only Tennessee's 46-game run from 1997-1999.

- MSU fell in the SEC Tournament Title game to South Carolina for the third straight year. The Bulldogs are now 21-40 all-time in the SEC Tournament.
- The 14 points in the first quarter tied for the second-fewest scored in an opening quarter this year (10 vs. USC 2/5/18), and only the fifth opening quarter deficit. MSU trailed after the opening quarter of all three games in the SEC Tournament.
- The 30-19 halftime score represented just the third time the Bulldogs had trailed at the half this season and was the largest deficit at the break (9 @ Mizzou, 1 vs. Arizona State).
- Mississippi State's 19 first half points were the fewest points in any half this season (25, 1stH @ Mizzou) and the five points in the second quarter were the fewest in any quarter this year (7, 2Q vs. Arizona State)
- A day after playing turnover-free basketball, senior guard Morgan William had just one turnover, the 31st time in 33 games she has had two or fewer turnovers.
- Senior guard Victoria Vivians scored 22 points to lead the Bulldogs for the 18th time this season and the 77th time in her career. Vivians has scored in double figures in all but one contest this year