



2018 SEC Men's Basketball Tournament

St. Louis, Mo. – Scottrade Center

Quarterfinals – Game #7 Notes

Alabama 81, Auburn 63

Alabama advances to face the Kentucky/Georgia winner in the semifinals Saturday at noon CT

Series Notes:

- All-Time Series: Alabama leads 96-62
- SEC Tournament: Alabama leads 8-2
- Season Series: Alabama leads 2-1
- This marked the first SEC Tournament meeting since 1999.

Game Notes:

- Auburn is the first SEC Tournament outright No. 1 overall seed to lose its opening game since Mississippi State in 2004.
- Trailing 41-31 at halftime, Alabama opened the second half with a 20-1 run to take a 51-42 with 12:22 left in the game. The Crimson Tide never trailed again and led by as much as 22.
- Alabama shot 56.0 percent in the second half, while Auburn was at just 24.1 percent.
- The Tigers' 32.3 field goal percentage for the game was their second-lowest of the season.
- Points in the paint were 36-22 in favor of the Tide.
- Alabama outrebounded Auburn 44-33.

Alabama Notes:

- Alabama improves to 19-14.
- The Crimson Tide advances to the SEC Tournament semifinals for the second straight year and for the 25th time in its history.
- Collin Sexton posted his third 30-point game of the season with 31, which is the most points scored by a player in this year's tournament.
- Sexton registered career highs in 3-pointers attempted and made, connecting on 6-of-8.
- Braxton Key grabbed a career-high 10 rebounds to go with nine points.

Auburn Notes:

- Auburn falls to 25-7 and has dropped four of its last six games.
- The 18-point margin of defeat marked their largest of the season.
- Mustapha Heron led three Tigers in double figures with 18.
- Desean Murray added 15 points and a team-high eight rebounds.
- Davion Mitchell was credited with a career-high three steals.