



2018 SEC Men's Basketball Tournament

St. Louis, Mo. – Scottrade Center

Semifinals – Game #11 Notes

Kentucky 86, Alabama 63

Kentucky advances to face the Tennessee/Arkansas winner in the finals Sunday at noon CT

Series Notes:

- All-Time Series: Kentucky leads 112-37
- SEC Tournament: Kentucky leads 16-2
- Season Series: Kentucky leads 2-0
- The Wildcats have won 10 straight in the series.

Game Notes:

- After eight lead changes over the first 13 minutes of the game, Kentucky closed the first half on a 14-5 run to take a 29-19 advantage at halftime.
- The Wildcats connected on their first five shots of the second half, and the Tide got no closer than nine the rest of the way.
- Led by Taylor Gabriel, UK tied its best 3-point game of the year, making 10-of-16 (62.5 percent) from behind the arc as a team.
- Kentucky shot 84.2 percent in the second half, compared to Alabama at 42.9 percent.
- Despite missing leading rebounder Donta Hall, the Tide enjoyed a 13-1 edge on the offensive glass and 13-0 in second-chance points.

Kentucky Notes:

- Kentucky improves to 23-10 and has won six of its last seven games.
- UK has won 11 straight SEC Tournament games.
- The Wildcats are now 42-2 all-time in SEC Tournament semifinal games.
- Kentucky advances to the SEC Tournament finals for the fifth straight year and 42nd time in their history, which tops all schools.
- Wenyen Gabriel turned in a career night, connecting on all seven of his 3-point attempts and tying his career highs with 23 points and three blocked shots. The seven treys marked the most by a Wildcat this season.
- Gabriel's perfect game behind the arc tied the SEC Tournament record for 3-point percentage (minimum five attempts), and his seven 3-pointers were the most in a tourney game since 2016, when Ole Miss' Stefan Moody drilled eight treys against Alabama.
- Gabriel is 9-of-11 (81.8 percent) from the 3-point line through two SEC Tournament games, which is tied for the best percentage in a single tourney (minimum six attempts) with Vanderbilt's Rick Jones in 2000, who was also 9-of-11.
- Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored his most points in the last nine games with 19 to go with a game-high eight assists.
- Quade Green collected a career-high eight assists.

Alabama Notes:

- Alabama falls to 19-15 and has dropped six of its last eight games.
- Collin Sexton notched his fourth straight 20-point performance with a team-high 21. He averaged 26.2 points in his three SEC Tournament games compared to 18.3 in the regular season.
- John Petty scored in double figures for the first time in five games with 18 and connected on 5-of-8 3-pointers.