

**NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship
First Round - No. 8 Arkansas / No. 1 North Carolina
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NORTH CAROLINA LOCKER ROOM QUOTES

#44 Justin Jackson, Jr., F

On last second dunk

"It was a sigh of relief. We have been battling all game. That was just kind of the, I mean there was 10 seconds left and were up five, and it it was kind of an exclamation mark."

On big moments late

"It is just the leadership we have. The maturity that we have as a team. We've been [in] and seen almost every situation in a game. Even when we were down five with three something left, we told each other we have been here before. We did and made and made some stops and plays at the other end, which were huge for us."

On hitting first three to get rolling

"I didn't shoot the ball very well inside the 3-point line. But, you know, I knocked down the first one and got it rolling. But I think my offensive game is nothing compared to the way Kennedy [Meeks] played inside. Isaiah [Hick], Joel [Berry II] played really well, we just a great job on the offensive glass."

On Arkansas' press

"That's just the type of team they are. We had some plays where we were careless with the ball. At the end of the day we made plays when we needed to. We're moving on to the next round. They were pushing us out of what we wanted to do."

On season flashing before your eyes

"It didn't really, not at all. For us, we've seen every situation, so at the end of the day we believe we can come back and win. We made plays when we needed to."

#5 Tony Bradley, Fr., F

On today's comeback

“It shows our toughness. They were aggressive. And they played great defense. That showed our toughness overall.”

On facing Butler

“All I know is, to make it that far they have to be a great team. So we have to be ready.”

On Arkansas having 17 points off TO in the second half and their full-court press:

“They just started to be more aggressive in the second half. Coach [Williams] told us that they played better in the second than the first half. That just shows we still fought back, it shows our toughness. We still came out with the win.”

On Arkansas’ bench and Daryl Macon:

“Some of those shots, those fouls, like Coach [Williams] said, off of three plays he had 10 points. He was trying to draw fouls and go to the line. He hit a couple open threes as well.”

#4 Isaiah Hicks, Sr., F

On difference in the game

“I would say we let down on defense a little bit and then when we picked it up, good things happened.”

On his second-half dunk

“I would say I was struggling tonight, but after that we just got the momentum. Everybody was really picking up defensively, and we just didn’t want it to be it.”

On his thoughts were during the dunk

“‘Alright, let’s go. We need to get some more stops.’ After that, everybody was screaming and jumping. I feel like that was sort of like the game-changer right there.”

On the potential of this game being end of his career

“Oh yeah, I was thinking about that -- five minutes ‘til when they came back. This can’t be -- our last game. Me and Kennedy [Meeks] were like no this can’t be it. We have to do something.”

On his thoughts during late-game free throws

“Nothing. The same as usual. I just think about my process -- not worried about a make or miss. That’s all it is.”

On whether he sensed Arkansas was freezing up late in the game

“Not really. I just felt like we were really getting into them defensively. They hit some crazy shots. We thought we were playing good defense, but we really had to pick it up. It sort of -- I think the person who’s guarding the ball, when they don’t need help, we can really get out in the lanes and really pressure them. So we really didn’t have any other options.”

On coaches’ message in timeouts in Arkansas was making a run

“He said it’s fine. We haven’t had a game like this. Let’s win a game like this.”

On Justin Jackson saying that was the hardest game he’s ever played in his life

“Yeah, I would say that was a pretty tough game, especially for this year. Being down three, possibly, for me, my last game, everything was just -- just trying to leave everything on the court.”

Luke Maye, So., F

On sense UNC may not win the game

“We always wanted to stay positive and continue to believe in ourselves. Those five guys out there at the end, they played great. We really did some good things defensively, which was big.”

On every tournament game potentially being the end for the seniors

“Yeah, I was frustrated with myself because I made some bonehead plays because I felt I was letting the seniors down. I’m definitely going to have to improve on that. As a team, we have to play our hardest for the seniors. They’ve been through so much with this program and we really have to do what we can to win every single game from here on out.”