

Southeastern Conference Men's Basketball Tournament

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Ole Miss Rebels Jarkel Joiner

Postgame Press Conference

LSU 76, Ole Miss 73

THE MODERATOR: We have Jarkel Joiner. We'll start with questions.

Q. Jarkel, I know it's a tough loss, but you still feel like with the way y'all played that you are a NCAA tournament team?

JARKEL JOINER: Most definitely. We knew what was at stake when we came in. We tried to play. We played our butts off. We just got to make plays at the end.

I think we proved that we are a NCAA tournament team.

Q. How frustrating was it a couple different times in the second half, you guys had a lead, you were right there, you couldn't finish them?

JARKEL JOINER: Man, very frustrating. But we wasn't frustrated in the game. We knew we had the momentum. They made they run and we made ours. We had the momentum. Like I say, we have to make plays at the end to finish them off.

Q. On that three Days made, did you expect that to be a pick-and-pop? What happened defensively there?

JARKEL JOINER: Just miscommunication. The ball screen came over and it was an empty side. I think we had to come up and push up.

Give Days credit, he made a big-time shot.

Q. What do you think was so different about this game than the first meeting?

JARKEL JOINER: Like I stated yesterday, today we was mentally ready. Like I told you guys, I knew we'd come out and play hard. We knew, like I said, what was at stake. We prepared the right way.



We just been together and connected. We knew tonight was going to be different.

Q. It's not the results y'all wanted, but for you, you had a pretty special night tonight, special run. What about this game was clicking for you?

JARKEL JOINER: First of all, I'd like to give thanks to God. My coaching staff and my teammates always have confidence in me, like I said way before the SEC tournament, they always had confidence in me. Just the work I put in. It happened to pay off tonight.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

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