

# NCAA Men's Basketball Championship: First Round - North Carolina vs Ole Miss

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## North Carolina Tar Heels Seth Trimble

## RJ Davis

### Media Conference

THE MODERATOR: Joined by North Carolina student-athletes, Seth Trimble from Menomonee Falls and RJ Davis, the leading scorer in North Carolina history. Questions, please.

**Q. Seth, I know your family travels really well around the country for you. How cool is it going to be to be able to play in front of them here in your hometown?**

SETH TRIMBLE: It's amazing. I've always dreamed of a moment like this, especially at the collegiate level. I know it will come at the next level, but this isn't something that comes every single day at this level. To have this blessing and this opportunity to have some people who maybe can't make it to North Carolina or can't make it out anywhere else to be able to make it to this game is amazing.

I've never played here at the Fiserv, so it's a dream come true for me.

**Q. What goes through your mind when you see these 5-out switches. I feel like Ole Miss switches a lot on tape. What goes through your mind when you get those switches and when you get into kill mode. If felt like you got that early against San Diego State.**

RJ DAVIS: Take advantage of the match-up. I think I do a good job of just repping it out in workouts and stuff. It's trusting my work. Whenever I see a match-up I like, it's about taking advantage of that.

So I know Ole Miss does a good job of switching, but at the same time, they do a good job of swarming. So I know if the shots is not going to come from me, it's going to be from my teammates. It's really just giving what the defense takes me.



**Q. Seth, you said you never played here before. What was it like when you saw it on Selection Sunday, that the possibility would be there? And coming out of the tunnels, what do you think it will be like tomorrow?**

SETH TRIMBLE: Seeing it on TV, I was in shock. I got chills. A couple days before, I was talking about how crazy it would be if we got a bid in Milwaukee. It came through in the moment. I was stuck on the couch with a blank expression. But there was so many chills going through my body.

It will be the same once I run out of the tunnel tomorrow. To be able to play and in Milwaukee, right next to my hometown, play in front of my family, in front of my friends. Run out of the tunnel I've always dreamed about playing in, I'm sure it will be an amazing experience. I'm looking forward to it.

**Q. Impressive performance the other night in Dayton in the First Four. Do you guys feel like you have silenced the critics who said you didn't belong in this tournament? How have you -- did you use that as motivation, what you heard, noise you heard about the team?**

RJ DAVIS: One thing about this team is we're not worried about the noise and what's being said about us. Obviously, we hear it, but we ignore it. We don't pay much attention to it. So it's more about sticking to our game plan and proving ourselves like we know we're capable of. We're a tournament team and we want to prove it to ourselves. We did a good job in doing that at the First Four.

SETH TRIMBLE: We want to prove ourselves, right. We want to be the team we know we can be. The last game against San Diego State, we did a great job of doing that. We're the University of North Carolina. Whatever we do, there's going to be hate. This isn't anything new for us. We know how to block it out. We've been doing a really good job of that.

**Q. Seth, obviously, the main reason is basketball that you're here. While you're here, are you showing your teammates around Milwaukee, giving them any**



**suggestions? How are they experiencing the city since they've been here?**

SETH TRIMBLE: I've been giving -- me and Coach Sullivan have been giving some good dinner recommendations. Dinner's been amazing. Our hotel is nice. They're not too happy with the weather, the rain. Turned to a little bit of snow last night. The wind, I don't think they're used to the wind. I have to tell them we're by the lake. This is what's going to happen.

I've been telling them it won't get warm here for another three or four weeks. Buckle in. Don't expect sunny days in the next coming days. I hope they're enjoying it. I'm enjoying it. That's all that really matters.

**Q. A couple of your teammates, very, very talented, have always got high ratings from the scouts and all that. I wanted to get your opinion on what specifically they do right that makes them so special. That's Ian Jackson and Drake Powell.**

RJ DAVIS: Both are -- besides basketball, they're really good kids. They have really good personalities and just on the court they do whatever it takes to win.

For Drake, with his athleticism and length in the defensive end, he's able to guard our perimeters, best player, and make it tough for them. I've been asking him to be more aggressive on the offensive end and he's done a good job of that.

Ian is a confident kid. He's a shot maker and is able to get it going. When you have two talented kids like that, they're being highly scouted by NBA scouts, it makes the team more fun to watch and helps us out as a group.

THE MODERATOR: Guys, thank you. Good luck tomorrow.

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