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Mocs Fall in 54-53 Heartbreaker to Illinois in First Round of the NCAA Tournament



Mocs forward Silvio De Sousa (left). (Photo By: Michael Longo/Chattanooga Athletics)



Former Moc Terrell "T.O." Owens (center, standing), and friends. (Photo By: Michael Longo/Chattanooga Athletics)

PITTSBURGH, PA. - The 13th-seeded Chattanooga Mocs men's basketball team dropped a heartbreaking 54-53 decision to fourth-seeded Illinois in the First Round of the NCAA Tournament inside PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh.

The Mocs led for nearly 39 of 40 minutes last Friday during the contest, which began at 6:50 p.m.

Following the loss, Chattanooga was eliminated from the NCAA Tournament and finished the season 27-8 overall. Illinois advanced to the Second Round and improved to 23-9. The loss marked the first for the Mocs to the Illini in three tries.

Chattanooga grabbed an early lead and held it for over 38 and a half minutes during the contest before Illinois' Kofi Cockburn converted on a put-back with 45 seconds left to put the team in orange up 52-51.

Malachi Smith saw a potential game-winning shot, but it did not fall, as Illinois secured its berth into the Second Round.

"So tough, tough way to go out, obviously. The last game is always going to be a hard one. But under those circumstances, I think it was--I think it was even tougher for our older guys and just for our group together, tight-knit group," said head coach Lamont Paris.

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IN THE HUDDLE

with Coach Jennings

It's Not Worth It

— TODAY'S SCRIPTURE —
(Romans 12:2, MSG)

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on GOD. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what HE wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Be more CHRIST like and don't confirm to worldly doings.

TODAY'S WORD

There's a price to pay to become all we were created to be. You may not be able to do what others do, to watch what they watch, or to do your business as they do business. To always do the right thing, you'll need to go the extra mile. People may not understand why you won't talk behind someone else's back, get caught up in reckless conversations or why you won't slack off at work with them, or why you won't laugh about certain things. It's not our business to judge them, but don't become like them. Don't lower your standard. Value GOD's blessing more than what another person thinks of you. If you don't feel good about something, if you have to talk yourself into it and make excuses as to why it's okay, it's not worth it. You'll never go wrong taking the high road.

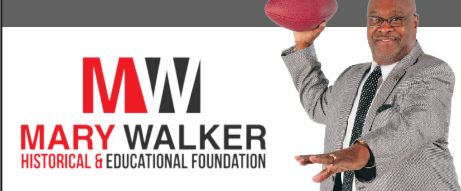
Have a made-up mind. "I'm going to be a person of integrity and honor GOD in all I do. I'm not going to compromise what I know GOD says." Be the person whom GOD rewards.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

FATHER, thank YOU that when I fix my attention on YOU and do what's right, YOU change me from the inside out. I'm not going to be pressured into compromising, and I'm not going to live like everyone else. I will not lower my standard to please someone else. In JESUS' Name, Amen.

Lurone "Coach" Jennings

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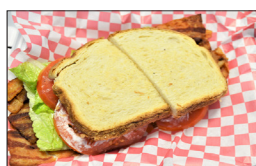
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