

Samford playing West Georgia. We were on defense, and the other team scored several times. We called a timeout, and I was down on myself. I remember Thad came up and said, 'We're good, we're right here, we're going to win the game.' That picked me up. Despite our loss, it showed I could really trust him."

"WITHOUT TRUST, THERE IS NOTHING."

Facing adversity strengthened their bond and pushed them to grow, driving them to forge a stronger connection and return with renewed determination.

Following back-to-back losses, the team rallied for a much-needed comeback. "Last year, we lost big in our first two away games. Then, we came together as a team, and we played a ranked opponent in our next game at home, and we won that game. We knew what it took to overcome that," said Lemons.

Communication was key to their success on the court. "I focused on being more vocal, pulling guys together, getting them up when they were down," said Williams. "When we communicated, it hap-

pened quickly; I could listen to him, he could listen to me."

Williams also emphasized the importance of a positive outlook: "There was no reason to get negative because if you got negative, it was going to get super bad then. There was already pressure on you. But if we just stayed positive, we'd make it through."

With unwavering trust, fierce competitiveness, and clear communication, Williams and Lemons are key leaders guiding the UWA Men's Basketball team to new heights this season.

