



Coaches Quotes

Florida State 113, The Citadel 78

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Opening Statement

“Congratulations to Florida State. I’m not positive but at least the second half that’s certainly the best they’ve shot from three all year. And they moved the ball very well. I’ve kind of dreaded this game since we scheduled it because I knew how well a job Coach Hamilton does defensively and how long his guys are. I credit them with just playing really good. Especially the first half, 18 to is hard to come back from. Proud of my guys and how they battled but we need to make a lot more shots than we’re making.”

What went wrong on coming back from Florida State’s quick start

“I didn’t think we shared the ball like we’re supposed to. We’re supposed to make an extra pass and sometimes the extra pass was ending up in the stands. I think one time in the second half we were nine of 30 inside the three and we have guys 5’11 and 6’0 trying to judge guys that’s a recipe for disaster. So our whole penetration’s based to kick it and make the next one. They don’t all have to be from three but at some point in time you’re going to get them in rotation or maybe we can get an uncontested shot at the rim. We had two uncontested shots at the rim that we missed and we shot awful from the free throw line. But I credit them (Florida State) with everything. I thought they’re so good defensively it just makes it very difficult. And 33 percent and 34 percent those are our lowest totals of the year easily and all the credit goes to them, and their length, and their athleticism but more importantly how Coach Hamilton has them doing exactly what he wants them to do. I think that’s what a coach wants, you just want your kids to do what you ask them to do. I think watching him over the years he has them do that.”

The bench outscored the starters. Will there be any arrangements made in the future?

“Isn’t that crazy, they did. A lot of times out there we had all freshman and sophomores, the majority of the time. We don’t have a senior we have juniors so our two lead scorers were a freshman and sophomore. So that part is good for the future, I think. Preston Parks was freshman of the year last year in the Southern Conference and he certainly didn’t have his best outing tonight, having nine points and four turnovers. Our big deal isn’t really who we start it’s just keeping all the minutes even and trying to keep guys fresh but that’s hard to do when you’re playing just thoroughbreds. We have an opinion that our eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh guy is better than most teams in our leagues seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh guys. Here, that’s not the case. So it makes it very difficult. I thought his (Coach Hamilton’s) guys stayed in character and made a lot of corner threes. I’ve watched them on film and they haven’t had a half

where they shot 10 and 21 from three. If they do that they'll be something to deal with in the ACC"

How does it affect you when you find a team that has the depth that can run at that fast tempo and wants to run like that?

"That's usually a recipe for disaster and that's kind of what it was tonight. I think they came in the game averaging 73 possessions we average 88 possessions and off the top of my head that game was 87 possessions. So it was played at our pace but he has the guys that can actually do that. So to answer your question it is kind of a recipe for disaster when a team's that deep, that versatile-guys that can do a lot of things. How about MJ Walker is he okay? I certainly hope so because I think he's the one guy that really scares you as a perimeter shooter."

What led to you continuing to run this kind of system from VMI

"We're at a military school, everybody wears uniform they sleep in barracks and they go through a very regimented lifestyle. My wife and I were at the Charleston Tournament the other day and Charleston got a big monster from overseas somewhere and he has a chance to be the all-time leading rebounder in NCAA history and break David Robinson's record. So she said boy it'd be nice to have one of those, and I said honey, those don't march. And she kind of laughed, but they don't. You can't find guys—we're going to always be undersized-big guys are always so over recruited anyway. When I was at BMI after my first year getting my brains beat in winning seven games I said hey we have got to do something a little bit different. So we went to this style then we won fourteen then we won 24 beat Kentucky and made it to three championship games in our league. Now we brought it to Citadel and we're only in our third year, now is all of our players. So, we're six games into play with these freshmen and hopefully it will start clicking. At times we look pretty but if the ball's not going in it's not very pretty. But it will get there it will translate in our league, I think it will get us competitive in our league because I'm excited about our freshman"