



#### **Coaches Quotes**

**Florida State 98, Kennesaw State 79**

**Donald L. Tucker Center**

**Tallahassee, Florida**

#### **Kennesaw State Head Coach Al Skinner**

##### **What were you able to do on the offense?**

"Not enough to win. The most important thing for us was to get movement. They're big, they're long, they're athletic; you just can't afford to stand around and allow them to read the defense. You can do a tremendous job of recognizing the ball; they rotate well to the basketball. It was important for us to move our bodies. I think that was clearly the most important thing and that's something that we were stressing. If you're standing still, then that means that they got a chance to – I mean that's the strength of their defense. Obviously, great defensive teams, execute well defensively. There were times that that execution on defense impacted what we were doing, but there were other times that we were able to move the ball and get good shots."

##### **Coached against Leonard Hamilton before – different team this year?**

"I think he's got more depth this year than he's had in a long time. He was talking about the class they're in and how young they are; but they have some depth in every position. It allows him to keep a certain amount of energy on the floor, particularly defensively. So I don't know how it measures up with his previous teams. But they've got quality players that play with a lot of confidence. Again, defensively they could be as good as any teams that he's had previously. And he obviously stresses that. That's always been a strength of Leonard's teams."

##### **Difficulty for team to focus on 2pm game the day before Thanksgiving**

"If it's on the schedule, it isn't [difficult]. If it's important to them. I think they'd rather play a 2 o'clock the day before than to play a night game cause then you're sitting around all day. I think the guys want to play. If it's on the schedule, they want to play."