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MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 5/5 **Florida 66** (5-2) vs. **Florida State 83** (7-0)

Dec. 4, 2017 | Game 7 | Gainesville, Fla.

Postgame Quotes

Florida State Head Coach Leonard Hamilton

NEXT OPPONENT

Who: Loyola Chicago

When: Wed., Dec. 6 | 8 p.m.

Where: Gainesville, Fla.

TV: ESPN2

Opening statement:

"I think we played exceptionally well tonight, probably a little better than we have been playing. I don't think Florida played as well as they are capable of playing. Florida brought out the best in us tonight and hopefully we can continue to play that way."

On team's performance on the glass

"Well we realized that we haven't been consistent in our rebounding efforts. This is not an easy place to play, but they were focused and stayed connected the whole way."

On Phil [Cofer] going 4-0 against Florida:

"I doesn't doubt that it's a healthy rival. We have tremendous respect for them and I hope they have a little respect for us. These games are important because it's the next game. This was a very important game because we have tremendous respect for them. It's a quality win and at the end of the season these victories mean a lot. 4-0, I don't know what that really means."

On team's turnover ratio/ball movement:

"With Florida, they are such a tremendous shooting team and they have such good ball handlers and passers. They brought a little extra energy out of us tonight. We did a good job of contesting shots, but when we did take shots they knocked them down."

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Senior Guard Braian Angola

On beating Florida:

"It means a lot to us to beat a great team like Florida. They are number 5 in the nation, with a great team and great coaching staff, but we knew that to win the game we had to stay focused for the full forty minutes and this win is huge for us."

On what this means:

"We came in here and tried to do the best that we could. They are a great team that was playing well, but we came in here and played great defense. This means a lot to us and shows us that we are capable of doing something big this year."

Junior Guard Terance Mann

On second chance opportunities:

"Our goal was to be aggressive on the boards and when you can get those rebounds it definitely helps us out. People were doubting us on the rebounding because we were allowing a lot of offensive rebounds and not getting many defensive rebounds, so it was our goal to be aggressive on the boards."

On beating Florida 4 straight years:

"This win is definitely important for us, but especially important back home in Tallahassee. The people back home can walk around with pride knowing that both our football and basketball team beat Florida this year."

On his big night:

"I was aggressive early and able to keep my confidence up during the game. I know I'm capable of this and I did it tonight and I am going to continue doing it."

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