



Coaches Quotes

Florida State 91, Virginia Tech 82

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Cassell Coliseum, Blacksburg, Va.

Florida State Head Coach Leonard Hamilton

Opening Statement:

"Virginia Tech is a difficult team for us to prepare for because they do some things and always play with a lot of energy. They do a great job of executing. Their system creates challenges for us because their center is one of the best 3-point shooting centers in the league, he's very skilled. We were concerned about how our centers would go out and defend them. When [Chris] Clarke comes into the game, I don't think there's anybody in the country who can guard him. I knew we had to shoot the ball well to keep them at bay. In the second half I thought we did a much better job of attacking the basket. Then obviously it certainly helped that they had a few players in foul trouble in the second half. It was a tough game; we feel very fortunate to come away with a victory."

On if the Seminoles' defense did something to generate 13 Virginia Tech turnovers:

"I thought we played with a lot of energy, and that comes from the respect that we have for Virginia Tech. I thought that we knew coming into this that we had to have an exceptional amount of energy and play extremely well. This is a team that challenges you with their effort and energy. They feed off their coach, Buzz [Williams] has got them playing at a very high level."

On what helped the team shoot well (53 percent) today:

"Up until the last couple games, I think we made more 3s than anybody in the ACC. But we have been a little cold the last couple games when we shot the ball from the perimeter. I thought we would be a good shooting team. Where we have been challenged is that we didn't have Christ Koumadje, so we didn't have experience in the interior game. He gave us a presence inside offensively today and that was welcomed."