



## Coaches Quotes

Florida State 101, Syracuse 90 (2 OT)

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Donald L. Tucker Center, Tallahassee, Fla.

Syracuse Head Coach Jim Boeheim

### **On his team's effort and the result of the game**

"I thought we fought back as well as you can. We made a steal late to give us a chance, and then Tyus (Battle) made a three to tie it. And in overtime we had a two-point lead but we couldn't get the stop we needed. But I thought it was a great effort – tremendous effort. They (Florida State) really played great defensive pressures the whole game. They made a couple big threes at the end of regulation to get back in it – long threes. But that's to their credit. Great game, great game played by both teams. We have a lot of young guys, we had them pressuring, they made a couple of mistakes at the end of the game, but that's what freshmen are going to do."

### **On Tyus Battle's second half...**

"He was more aggressive. Used the ball screen a little bit more. I just thought he was a little bit more aggressive in the second half and he made some shots. I thought his shots were the same in both halves. They did a good with pressuring him, they made him work hard. He just didn't make them in the first half."

### **On his team being 1-4 in ACC play**

"It's five games, who cares. You've got 13 games here. Who cares. It doesn't matter. You play the next game. We had a tough start, three tough road games. We had a really good chance to win two of the three, and the other one is at Virginia. We're playing, we're going to keep playing, and we're going to play just as hard next game as we played this game. They're playing hard. Today, both teams played as hard as you can play. Florida State has won 20 of the last 21 games at home, it's not like you're going to come down here and just win. It's not going to be easy. And we had an opportunity to in regulation and in the first overtime. It's not like we're doing something – We're playing well. I think we can play better on offense. We didn't rebound as well today as we need to. We have three front line guys, three team players who have never played college basketball. We're the only team in the league, maybe other than Duke where our [top] three guys are first year players. Three guys that come off our bench are freshman. These freshmen are learning, they're getting better. We have an extremely young team, and everybody knew that coming in, but they forget about it once we start playing. It was always going to be a tough start, and these guys are very resilient. We had two really tough road games, and you come

down here, this is a really tough place to play. Very good team, and we played well enough to win in both regulation and the first overtime.

**On whether or not Terance Mann's absence affected their game plan**

"I didn't like it, because I thought Savoy hurts us more than he does. He's a driver, and I'm more concerned about shooting.