



Coaches Quotes

Florida State 69, Charleston Southern 58

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Charleston Southern Head Coach Barclay Radebaugh

Opening Statement:

"We come down here and play a lot because of the class of this program and because I feel like it makes us better. Thy way they treat us, the class, the integrity, and the toughness of this program is always good for us when we come down here. With that being said, tonight was good for us. We are the 341st youngest team in the country, and we grew up a little bit tonight. If you take away seven eight minutes when we couldn't attack the zone, then it would have been even closer. I thought we were tremendous on some of our goals with the exception of turning the ball over. We turned the ball over too many times. We get the ball to the rim and in our league those are going to be makes but against Florida State those are blocked. We were plus 13 on the boards and this (Florida State) is a good rebounding team. We are really small we have to work on it a lot. Plus 13 on the boards against Florida State is a significant step. I am really proud that we took a step forward. This place can be a disaster because of their length and athleticism and their pressure but I didn't think it was that tonight. I thought it was a step forward for us where we can gain some assurance and confidence that we can compete better than we have the last three games. And I appreciate them always being so good to us."

On what was working for them in the first half:

"We are really tough to guard man to man when we make threes. I thought we were very patient. One of the things the teams do against Florida State is they break the press and they take the first shot they can get and it is always highly contested by an athlete running at them. And that's a success when you are a pressing team, when they break your press and take a 15-foot highly contested shot that appears open but because of their athleticism becomes contested, that's a win for a pressing team. I thought our guys broke the press we handled the pressure well and then we were patient on the offensive end until we got a shot that was somewhat a good shot. And good shots are very hard to come by for teams against Florida State. I thought we did a good job. Most of our turnovers were against the zone, they weren't against the press. I bet we had seven, eight, or nine turnovers against the zone. The first half we played offensive rebounding and we wouldn't even attempt to shoot if again we wanted to pitch it out. And in the second half we got away from our game plan a little bit offensive rebound a couple and tried to go back up and got blocked. Certainly something for us to build on and grow and we will get a lot of good teaching points from that first half.

On why Phlandrous Fleming wasn't in in the line-up:

"He sprained his right toe. He is a terrific freshman, explosive, athletic, great ball handler. Against Eastern Kentucky in the first half he severely sprained his right toe. We are very thankful that it is not broken. He will be out ten days. Maybe if he would have scored 12 points. I look at it has a positive because Phlandrous can play. It was a positive because it gave some other guys of opportunities that maybe if we can grow some depth as we go into league play in the Big South maybe we can grow some depth by give Jamar Martin an opportunity. I thought Jamar competed really hard. But any time you lose your second leader scorer there has to be some type of affect in the short run."

On Phil Cofer's game this season:

"How many years has he been here? I'm so glad for Phil Cofer to graduate. He is a nightmare for mid-major teams. The reason he's a nightmare, we would prefer to play against seven footers, hard guys for us at the mid-major level are the 6-8 athletes that are longer and taller than us and can move like we can move. They are 4 or 5 inches taller than us and Phil is one of those guys. He is extremely poised, he's a terrific long defender on film and in person. He has expanded his game so that he's efficient from the perimeter. He runs hard in transition both ways. I've seen him grow and become the player he is in person because we've played Florida State so many times. I'm just praying he'll stay healthy for coach through the ACC season because he certainly will be a factor in his success."

On Jamal David's first start:

We've struggled at the point and Jamal is our best passer. At 6-8 he will provide problems in the league for us. He is a terrific passer, he turned it over a couple times too many but he sees the floor as well as anybody we've ever had and I think he can be a match up problem. That was his first time playing extended minutes as a collegiate and it's his 10th college game being a redshirt freshman and I thought he held himself very well. I thought he maybe missed a couple shots he might hit in our league because he had to loft them up against their zone. But I was really proud of him. That was tough for him and he'll be our point guard in our next game and we will rely on him a lot in the future. I am very thankful for him and some of his passes are incredible. A couple landed in the third row, a couple good catches in the third row but most of them were really, really good creative passes by him and I think he will be a real factor in our league.