



#### Coaches Quotes

Florida State 91, Virginia Tech 82

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Cassell Coliseum, Blacksburg, Va.

Virginia Tech Head Coach Buzz Williams

#### ***On how Florida State shot the ball well and what made it tough to defend:***

"We have not done a very good job defensively. They have really good players, they have a coach [Leonard Hamilton] that is four wins shy of 500. So, I'm not negating their talent or staff or strategic plan versus us, but our DER was 1.21 and that is hard to overcome. I thought we improved in some ways, relative to our turnover rate and their offensive rebound percentage. They only had one offensive rebound at halftime, that was good. They had eight in the second half. Our 13 turnovers led to 20 points, that's hard. Obviously they shoot a high percentage anyway, any team does on live-ball turnovers. But in the half court, we have to do a better job of getting more consecutive stops."

#### ***On guard Justin Bibbs saying that there is a sense of urgency with now a 2-4 ACC record:***

"I'm probably the wrong guy to ask. I know there has never been a story written on how I grew up, but where I grew up, you probably woke up that way. So, it has nothing to do with, 'I'm the head coach of Virginia Tech.' Long before Whit [Babcock] hired me, I thought that was probably the best talent I had. I have a sense of urgency."

#### ***On the players mentioning the tactics to cut down on turnovers in practice and is it surprising that the rate is still so high:***

"I don't know, that's a good question. I haven't thought of it from that perspective. Our turnover rate has been a problem. It was for sure a problem at Louisville, it was slightly better today with 18 percent. 18 percent is better than 25 percent. It is still probably a little too high, relative to the skill set and the talent of our guys. We have made it more of a priority. What I'm trying to do is figure out is how to help them, because what I'm doing is not good enough to put them in the right position."