



Coaches Quotes

Florida State 801, Clemson 79 (OT)
Donald L. Tucker Center, Tallahassee, Fla.
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Clemson Head Coach Brad Brownell

Opening Statement:

“Just a really competitive ACC Basketball game tonight. Congratulations to Florida State, kids really kept fighting. I thought our guys played unbelievably hard and played well in a lot of stretches. Obviously we had a lot of bad stretches there in the second half, and then in the overtime one or two bad plays. But really all in all I just saw two teams that really went after each other. We won the first half and they won the second. Unfortunately they beat us by a play in the game. I’m really proud of the way our guys played. I thought we came in here really ready to go and did a lot of really good things to win the game. But credit Florida State for making plays down the stretch.”

On if any team can win the ACC Tournament:

“If you’re talking about the league, I think Virginia is probably going to win the league. But the tournament, yeah I think there’s a lot of teams that can play well over three or four days and get hot and cause problems. Certainly Florida State’s got a lot of really good players and unbelievably athletic. You just don’t know which guy is going to play well every night. Phil Cofer was unbelievable tonight. I thought we did a good job on (Braian) Angola. Trent Forrest was great tonight for them. I thought our guys, Marquise (Reed) was really good. For most of the game I thought our guys off our bench played well. I thought we had a lot of guys play well in the game. I thought it was a very demanding game and physically tough on both teams, they just kind of outlasted us.”

On the improvements that Phil Cofer has made over his career:

“He’s made a lot [of steps]. Obviously his ability to step out and make threes, but then his added mid- range pull ups. He’s a big guy, he’s really six foot nine at least, it looks like, and big shoulders and he’s got good mobility and he’s just a talented basketball player. He really puts a lot of stress on your team.”

On what Florida State was able to do in the second half:

“They went to the run and jump package to kind of just take us out of some things and to just speed the game up and we didn’t make enough plays against it. We made a couple, we missed a couple, we turned it over a couple times, and turnovers for points were the ones that were devastating because it obviously just energizes the building and energizes their team. It’s hard; sometimes you have a lead like that and you’re trying to stay aggressive, how much do you attack and all of that? I thought we tried to attack for the most part, but we definitely had some bad possessions in there and the fast break points really hurt us.”