



#### **Coaches Quotes**

**Florida State 85, Boston College 76**

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

**Donald L. Tucker Center, Tallahassee, Fla.**

#### **Boston College Head Coach Jim Christian**

##### **On how Boston College went from an 0-18 record to where they are now:**

"I think it comes down to, I said this when we played at Pitt, you have to have a plan, you have to stick with it, you have to get some guys who have the ability to be key contributors in this league, and then they have to believe in your vision. That started with Jerome Robinson, for us. I give him and his family, I've said this before, a ton of credit because they stayed with us, believed in us, believed in what we were doing in helping him to get better, and now he's bearing the fruits of it. He's become one of the best players in this league, and that's how it happens. You keep adding pieces, and keep believing in your players. We're far from where we want to be, but we're on the right road."

##### **On whether or not he saw this amount of potential in Jerome Robinson:**

"I don't think anybody can see that. You see talent, you see what he can become, you see that he's got a great work ethic and a great skill set, and he deserves everything he's got. In my mind, he's had the best regular season in the entire league. He's been consistent all year long, and he deserves all the accolades he's getting."

##### **On if this game was one of the chippier games he's been a part of:**

"I think this is college basketball in March. Guys are playing. I wish we had kept our composure a little better, we lost our composure I thought when we had a lead of 7 or 8 and that got cut down. We lost our composure, we started going away of what was working for us on both ends, we lost our composure on defense, and we didn't get back. I give them credit, they ratcheted it up on us and forced some turnovers."

##### **On Ike Obiagu:**

"Anybody who can take away layups - they have so much athleticism on the perimeter, and they're really good one-on-one defenders, and when you got a guy like that, who can protect the basket. It's hard to score. They wore us down a little bit tonight. We don't usually get worn down, but they wore us down tonight. And we were one body short, so, that hurt us. The first time we played, Stef Mitchell was a big piece of what we did."

##### **On Trent Forrest:**

"He's just such a good driver of the ball. He's a really good finisher in the lane, he can really drive it. We knew that, and he still finds angles and he hits tough angle shots, and you really can't come off of that. I think that the bigs for them don't get enough credit, because they have so many good drivers. If you start leading those guys to come help, it becomes an offensive rebound. They crushed us on the glass the first time, you have to try and keep those guys out of the lane, off of the perimeter. And we did that, the first half I think we did a great job of it. The second half, we did an awful job on it."

##### **On Braian Angola:**

"I knew watching the Clemson game that you could see the shots he was taking in that game, the confidence he was playing with, that he was going to continue on, I'm sure he'll continue to play great in his turn. He's really good. To me, he may be one of the most underrated guys in the league. He's such a great athlete, he's quick, he makes shots, he's a talent."

**On how to prepare his team for the games to come:**

“Well we rest, first. We played six guys. So we have to get ready to play Tuesday, and not worry about anything else. We have to play Tuesday, and we have to play well. There’s no bad teams in this league, and there’s nobody who doesn’t want to play as hard as they can in the ACC tournament. So it makes it special, so we are going to figure out who we play here and then get ready for them.”