



**Florida State Men's Basketball  
Coaches' Quotes  
Florida State 81, Florida 60  
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**Opening Statement**

"Very disappointing, I thought Florida State was terrific. I'm a little bit shell shocked to be honest. I did not see that coming. I'm pleased with the way we practiced. I was pleased with our defensive effort for the first 20 minutes and I thought if we stayed on course there and on the glass holding our own eventually our shots would fall, and we would find a way to get cleaner looks at times. I thought we gave in a little bit defensively early in the second half. It got away from us. It was 21, it could've been 40. As a head coach I don't think I've had a bigger butt whipping than that. They were really good. I certainly hope that we're not that bad. Interesting game, interesting game, we found out a lot in a hurry. I was hoping not to find out a lot of those things. Character, accountability, selfishness creeping in offensively, just not a very good performance by us, starting with me."

**On Defense and Communication:**

"I thought in the first 20, we guarded at another level, better than we guarded in the game (against Florida State) last year. I think, they had 31 at half, and I thought that they hit two or three pretty hard ones. It was a realistic 31 against a good team on their home court, (we were) holding our own on the glass as well. Just the character we showed early in the second half. Right out of the gates they scored a bunch in a hurry and then we just searched for combinations and dig down and tried to string together some stops defensively in the second 20 minutes."

**Thoughts on KeVaughn Allen**

"I talk to him every day one on one, other than days off. I try to give those guys breathing room on those days. We'll practice tomorrow so I'll meet with KeVaughn one on one tomorrow try to get his thoughts. He's grown up a lot, again I'm shell shocked at his line. I've got to put him in a better position, his teammates do, I do. He's communicating at a higher level and I think he'll open up. We'll put our heads together and figure out how to get him going. I will tell you this though, it starts with the Seminole defense. These guys are tough and long and quick and unbelievably long of course and disciplined and it's no wonder that they had the year that they had last year."

**On Seminoles active defense:**

"I would say as sound for sure, I think Coach Ham's probably had some teams that, I hate to speak for him, he's had so many teams here, great defensive teams. I don't know if this will be his best pressing team but I'm sure how connected they are defensively is really impressive. Their culture seems to be in a really good place, shipping guys in and out of the game, their ball movement and just finding the right guy, guys not hunting shots. I was as equally impressed offensively. They picked us apart and they hit some late clock dagger 3's, where they made us defend for 20-25 seconds. We put forth a lot of effort and then to get to one of those three balls and it spoils the effort."

**How do you recover from a season opener loss:**

College basketball is 31 games and then the post season, so you don't have time. I would hope that our guys are ready to get back in the gym tomorrow and get to work. First thing we'll do is watch film, get this taste out of our mouths. I guess a combination of those two things."