



Florida State 85, Southeast Missouri 68  
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Donald L. Tucker Center  
Tallahassee, Florida

#### **Southeast Missouri Head Coach Rick Ray**

##### **Opening Statement**

"Fortunately, I have had some experience coaching against Florida State and Coach Hamilton during my time as an assistant coach at Clemson, we played them at Mississippi State as well, so you know what you are getting into when you play a Florida State team. They are going to test your manhood, you got to have the ability to go out there and handle pressure, to handle denials, to go out there and not be afraid of the moment. So we stressed to our guys about going out and competing, making sure that when you play a team that denies and pressures you, you got to get the ball into the paint. I thought we had a tremendous amount of success from the three-point line because the ball got into the paint first and then we kicked out to open opportunities at the 3-point line, we call those kills, any time they touch the paint you got to finish at the rim or you have to kick it out and knock down that three. I am really proud of the way our guys competed for somewhere between twenty-seven and thirty minutes, we have a really young and inexperienced team so for them to come out here and match the intensity that Florida State brings we are really proud of them. Our next step is being able to play that way for forty minutes. We will see what we learn from this experience, if we go forward from here, if we don't go out and compete, and show the way we can compete against a team like Florida State, then we haven't learned anything. Really proud of our guys, the only disappointing thing is guy will look at the final box score and say that Florida State blew out another team, but when you really watch the game, we did a good job at competing we just have to be able to do it for forty minutes."

##### **On Florida State's Depth And Experience**

"I think the experience part of it, I don't know about the depth as much, obviously Florida State has a tremendous amount of size on their front line, and any time that they got a paint opportunity they were able to get offensive rebounds because of that paint touch, so I don't know if it was the depth as much as it was their front line."

##### **On Empty Possessions In Second Half That Led To Florida State Taking The Lead**

"I think it was two things. One is we had a couple unfortunate turnovers during that stretch and then our execution on the offensive end led to them leaking out and getting some opportunities in transition. I thought that when we made them a half court team, more importantly, when we held them to one shot, I thought we were pretty good defensively. I thought during that stretch that we took some bad shots and we have some turnovers, more importantly, I thought Florida State got multiple opportunities at the rim because we were couldn't get the rebound or couldn't get the loose ball."

##### **Ledarius Brewer On Florida State's Second-Half Defense**

"I feel that during second half of the game, Florida State put the pressure on us and it was harder for us to score on offense, which made it harder for us to get the same shots. They pretty much locked in on me because they probably didn't expect me to do as good as I did, so that is what happened."