



**Florida State (88) vs. Wake Forest (66)**

**Coaches Quotes**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019**

**Donald L. Tucker Center**

**Tallahassee, Florida**

**Wake Forest Head Coach Danny Manning**

***Opening Statement:***

“Tonight, was a game that obviously didn’t go very well for us. They really hurt us on the offensive backboard, they had twelve and finished with thirty-one defensive rebounds. We have to do a better job on the backboard. We have to do a better job of standing in front of the ball as well. A lot of times, one of our five men would have to rotate over on dribble penetration, and they were able to throw the ball up top to big fella; he did a really god job of making himself available and finishing the ball around the basket. Then being really aggressive on the offense of glass.”

***On why he thinks Wake Forest stopped forcing turnovers***

For the game there was only 18 turnovers, 9 for both teams, so both teams handled the pressure fairly well in that regard. I think they made their adjustments and we made ours, but we weren’t able to knock any balls free or get any deflections and get out into any type of fast-break setting. We only had three steals for the game.”

***On how tough it is to body-up and guard Christ Koumadje***

“It’s not bodying up; I mean he’s 7’4”. They’re just throwing it up top to him. Now don’t get me wrong, I’m not trying to slight him at all. He’s a very talented player and I watched him play in high school. We had a player on our team who played with him in high school, but you can’t simulate that in practice, we don’t have anybody that size. Anytime they would get it into the paint, and any help would come his man would come and they could throw it up to him. He did a really good job of going to the offensive glass early on, especially in our zone. We didn’t turn and hit him, he brought the contact to us. When he gets within four feet of the basket, when he jumps, he’s right there at the rim.”

***On Florida State’s explosiveness and run at the end of the game***

“There are some things that we could have done better. They made some tough shots and got out in the fast break setting. I think there was a stretch in the second half where they got out and reeled off a few points really quickly. We need to do a better job of handling the ball and then getting back in transition defense. During that run we didn’t get back the way we needed to.”