



#### **Coaches' Quotes**

**Florida State 89, Chattanooga 53**

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**Chattanooga Head Coach Lamont Paris**

#### **Opening Statement**

"I just thought in the first half we had some plays that we didn't make, and it came down to some stuff like block outs and they got second chance opportunities and I thought we had a chance to do something at the end of the first half. I think they scored 26 points in the first nine minutes and 15 in the following eleven minutes of the first half. I thought we started to settle down defensively and I thought we had a chance to do something to make a push and to at least get the game to what was our liking at half time after not playing well at all in the first half. Even still it was 12 points going into the half and in the second half we talked about a couple things and we come out and on the first two possessions we give up offensive rebounds for stick backs. That's the message that you send for the rest of the game that you have a chance to win when you are at the 12-point mark. It's a good team, they have a good team and they're well coached obviously and they're physically strong and athletic and long and it's length that we haven't gone against as much this year and so, but I thought really it had a lot to do with some things that we didn't do, some core values that we have as a defensive team that we were not able to do and it didn't take heroic efforts to do those things, it was putting your body against another body on a block out or pump faking when you get around the rim, basic stuff like that so that the basics."

#### **On watching them on film, what stands out maybe about Patrick Williams and Devin Vassell?**

"Just good players obviously, but good size. Patrick Williams, I think has the chance to be a star when it's all said and done. I don't want to gas him up at all and make his head big, but I do, I mean I've just seen a lot of good players and some of the things he has, I think when the game, the speed of the game really gets to where, to his liking he's got a chance to affect the game in a lot of ways on the offensive end, a lot of ways, off the dribble, catch and shooting. I think eventually he will be able to do some things around the basket, back to the basket too. So that's going to be a tough matchup. (Devin) Vassell is a versatile guy also. I know he scores. I think his length on the defensive end and activity on the defensive end is probably, to me the most impactful thing that he does from an opposing coaching standpoint, but those are really good players. They have a good team. They have a point guard who doesn't feel like he has to score a ton of points. I thought he did a really good job of deferring and getting guys going and I was really impressed with that, so Forrest did a good job."