



Coaches Quotes

Florida State 80, Saint Francis 65

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Saint Francis' Head Coach Rob Krimmel

Opening Statement:

"First of all I'd like to thank Florida State for allowing us to come down here and compete. The people in Tallahassee have been nothing short of spectacular and it's been a great experience for our guys. Nice to be able to come down and enjoy some nice weather; where we're from it's pretty cold. In fact, my wife sent me a text that it was windy and cold and I told her it was sunny and 75. I appreciate the opportunity to come down here and compete against a fantastic program, well coached, very talented. We knew going into it there were certain things that needed to happen in order for us to stay close or have an opportunity to compete in the final few minutes. Give them (Florida State) a lot of credit, they dictated a lot of things offensively, but the one thing I'm pleased with is how we responded defensively in the second half. Our Achilles' heel has been how we've come out and played defensively in the second half. For the first time all year, we had a DER under 1.0, and that's been a problem for us. I thought we took a step in that direction, we're still trying to find a little bit of a rhythm offensively, and certainly not having Isaiah [Blockmon] in the lineup hurt us. But I thought our guys battled, thought we competed, thought we did some good things, stuff that we can build on. Certainly Florida State is a talented team and look forward to following those guys throughout the rest of the year."

What did you see out of Myles Thompson?

"He's a kid that's not afraid of the moment, he's a talented kid, certainly a tough kid. When those shots start falling you need to see him experience that moment. Because he's the consonant team player, if he scores one point or he scores 23 points, he's that guy that tries to pick people up. It's neat to see a kid like that enjoy success because it's something you can point to the other guys and say 'Hey listen he's positive when it doesn't go his way and good things happen'. His attitude has been fantastic, he's a young man we expect big things from."

On Wyatt Wilkes' performance:

"His ability to shoot the basketball; we had him on the scouting report. In fact, at one point we had him as a starter because if I remember correctly he started against Chattanooga. Our guys were aware, but the way started to shoot the basketball there, that opens a lot of things for them. I thought he came out and did a lot of really good things. His size, his ability to stretch the floor, he was a problem for us today."

What did you tell your team at halftime, down just 12 points?

"That we wanted to win the first four minutes. I think you get caught up in the next 20, but we wanted to win the next four minutes and certain things we were trying to accomplish. Taking care of the basketball, making sure we got a great shot, and limiting Florida State to one shot. I thought we did pretty good job of that in the first four minutes. I think we were getting it to ten at the first media [timeout], so we won the first four minutes by two and we tried to keep out guys in that four-minute moment, not getting too far ahead of themselves. The way they shot the ball in the first half, we had to stop fouling, and we had to defend the 3-point line. I thought those were two things in the first half we didn't do a very good job of and they scored 48 points. To start the second half, I thought we did a pretty good job, even got a bit of momentum going into that second media [timeout]."