



Coaches Quotes

Florida State 99, vs. Miami 81

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Donald L. Tucker Center, Tallahassee, Florida

Miami Head Coach Jim Larranaga

Opening Statement:

"Well, very obviously we couldn't stop them. They scored 99 points, they had 16 offensive rebounds. We couldn't keep them off the glass, we couldn't keep them out of transition and they were shooting lights out from three, ended up making 13 threes. I don't know what their school record is but that's got to be getting pretty close to it."

The team seemed to keep it manageable and close in the first half and then something happened with Florida State, they changed their offense, or you changed your defense that second half.

"Well, we never changed our defense. We tried to pick them up full court, but we couldn't do it, we couldn't stop them. The half courts we tried to pick them up full court, all that did was open up the court for them to get lay-ups and dunks. But offensively, we only had six turnovers in the first half, and seven in the second half. That's not terrible for us, the last time we played them we had 24 turnovers. But we only had eight assists, and that's been our offensive issue all season long. We're one of the worst in the country at finding the open man. But we've got guys who can score, you know. Our guards are pretty good scorers, but they don't find each other for easy shots, they try to go one-on-one all the time and that makes it difficult to get assists and that makes it easier on the defense to know, hey, this guy isn't passing."

Isaiah Wong actually made a career high of 23 tonight, do you have any comments on that?

"I thought Isaiah (Wong) had a great first half, had 15 at halftime. It's really on the attack, that's what he's good at. He's made some tough lay-ups, but he was able to get the ball to the rim. He got to the foul line a bunch of times as well, going five for six at the free throw line. And that's the second game in a row where we've had a freshman score 20 points or more, and we've only had five freshmen, since we've joined the ACC, score 20 points in a game. So, he joins a select group of guys, only six freshmen over however long we've been in the ACC, 15 years, 20 years."

Speaking of freshman, is Pat Williams a guy, athletically, that kind of reminds you of Anthony Polite, M.J. Walker or just that kind of next level athlete?

"He's a pro. Everything about him says he's an NBA player, his height, his athletic ability, his shooting ability. He's someone that, if I were an NBA franchise owner, I'd want him on my team. If he stays in college, he's going to be a tremendous college player. If he goes pro, I think he's a first round draft choice."