



Coaches Quotes

Florida State 65, North Carolina 59

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Donald L. Tucker Center, Tallahassee, Fla.

North Carolina Head Coach Roy Williams

Opening Statement:

"I am getting tired of these kind of press conferences, but it's what it is. I want to congratulate Leonard (Hamilton) and his team. I think that his team, in my opinion, may be the best that he has had since I have been back in the ACC. I am sure that he is probably not entirely proud of the way that his team played, but I try not to evaluate the other team. I think that they are really good, they were hard to guard, they were athletic, and they do a great job defensively. We ended up standing around more than we did anything else, we couldn't get better spacing on offense to drive the ball to the basket. We didn't make shots; we didn't make free throws. It was just a lot of those kind of things combined. I thought that we still had a chance late, their (Florida State) run right before half hurt us a significant amount. The team came back out and I still thought that we still had a chance, it was 45-42, and we missed two straight front ends of one and ones. I think that around that time period we could have made the game more interesting. I just want to congratulate them (Florida State) again. Patrick Williams, the youngster from North Carolina, I thought did some really good things for them, he was 6-6 from the free throw line. He was 2-2 from three, including that big three right before the half, that I thought was the biggest shot of the first half. I really do like his team, but I will let Leonard (Hamilton) evaluate how they played. We just have to get better; we have to figure out a way to get Armando (Bacot) and Garrison (Brooks) to move better and the perimeter players to throw it to them more. We have to get opportunities to get to the free throw line, take those opportunities, and get points out of them."

On whether he was pleased with offense during stretch where North Carolina missed 17 straight shots:

"No, I was not pleased. Their defense was stronger than our offense. They are extremely athletic, Leonard and I go back a long way, from when he was at Oklahoma State, we had some great battles. His teams have always been very good defensively, and we are not that kind of team right now that can have one guy that can say "my guy can whip your guy in the low post". We had a lot of those guys in the past and we don't have anybody like that now. As far as our shot selection, I thought that it was not as good as we want it to be, we had some good ones, we missed three dunks in the first half. I mean who guys go up to dunk the ball, that usually results in points for your team, but we missed three dunks in the first half."

On Garrison Brooks and Armando Bacot:

"You should always wait to look at it on tape, I just don't think that they are moving effectively. There was this one time, and this is more information than needed. Armando was being fronted, and he is pointing to the other side, well, Florida State was not letting us throw the ball side to side. You have to get open there instead of trying to point to get the ball to the other side. If teams let you throw it to the other side, you will be able to seal and then they will throw the ball to you. Florida State is good defensively, they are not going to let you change sides of the floor easily. That is what we try to do but we have not done a very good job of it."

On what Cole Anthony, Armando Bacot, and Garrison Brooks need to do to be playing well at the same time:

"If I knew the answer to that, we would already be being doing it. I thought that Saturday (against Boston College) for example, that Cole (Anthony) was sensational. Armando (Bacot) and Garrison (Brooks) had great shots, and just did not make them. I think that the two of them were 7-20 on Saturday, and that they had great shots, and did not

finish them. Tonight, Florida State's inside players fronted our guys, and that made for a difficult time changing the sides of the floor, and trying to throw the ball inside."

On defense when compared to Saturday (Boston College)

"I thought that we were better defensively today than on Saturday, our team were more involved on the defensive end, but we have to get rewarded somehow. This team will go back to practice tomorrow to see if we can."

On UNC playing bad offensively, but still having a chance to win the game at the end:

"I think we played much harder, ha more heart. I think that we have to be more effective in those situations. If we just made a couple more free-throws, or a couple more of those dunk opportunities, then all of a sudden, the team would have had a chance. I thought that Saturday was a much closer game than tonight, but that we had played with more heart tonight. Boston College, Jim (Christian) evaluated his team after the game, the same way as Leonard (Hamilton) will. I thought that we still had a chance at the end, but we had to get Florida State to miss some shots. Leaky (Black) overplayed that one where Florida State's Devin Vassell got the dunk on the other end. I think it would have been a lot better for us if we would have got the steal, however, that did not go our way."

On any optimism that might have come from this game:

"I am just pissed off right now, I don't think about optimism, or pessimism right now. We need to get to practice, get to work, and try to get better. It is not nuclear science out there, we have to get better, we have to get shots to go in, and get some defensive stops. We are going to keep practicing, I am not trying to belittle any question asked, because I believe that you can get something out of every game. You get some good and some bad things from every game. However, in the game of basketball, there is always a winner and a loser. We have to make our team feel as if that are gaining something out of these games. At this point, I do not know if our kids are feeling that we are making any strides."