



Coaches Quotes

Florida State 82, Pitt 67

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Pitt Head Coach Jeff Capel

On getting out to a strong start in the beginning of the game:

"We got off to a good start. That is something that we have tried different things on the road. You guys that follow us know that we have not gotten off to good starts on the road. I thought we were first to the floor. I thought we did some things that were tough. I just think we eventually ran out of gas. I was shocked to see them (Florida State) go to a zone. That is something you don't see out of a Florida State team that much. I just thought that their athleticism and depth took over after the 40 minutes."

On how Florida State was able to stop Trey McGowens and Xavier Johnson:

"There is always a lot of attention on those two guys. They (Florida State) have bigger guys and they switch everything. They just kept sending bodies at them (Trey McGowens and Xavier Johnson). They (McGowens and Johnson) also missed some shots and that is part of it."

On Florida State's defense and how they take away your offensive game plan:

"They take away everything. They (Florida State) are one of the best defensive teams in the country. It is hard to run an offense against them, especially if you have set patterns. One of the perfect examples is everyone that has followed Virginia since Tony (Bennett) has been there knows they (Virginia) run block and motion. When they played Florida State, they did not run block and motion one time the entire game. It is difficult to run plays against them with how they play defense. You have to try to spread the floor out, and hope you have guys that can create space and make right decisions. When they switched to zone, it obviously changed some of those looks we got."

On Patrick Williams and his growth throughout the season:

"The big thing is that he has gotten better. He is more poised, understands college basketball better, understands what is needed, and is shooting and handling the ball better. He was a big-time prospect coming out of high school and they (Florida State) did an amazing job recruiting him out of North Carolina. He is really starting to blossom and the reason why he is looked at as one of the top guys potentially for the NBA draft; if that is something he chooses to do. When you have talent like that, and you surround him with other really good and older guys with a great culture, then you have a great chance to create something really good."