

Coaches Quotes
Florida State 79, Pittsburgh 72
Peterson Events Center
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Pitt Head Coach Jeff Capel

Opening statement:

“Congrats to Florida State, They’re an outstanding basketball team. Their size and athleticism as well as their depth makes them a very unique team. They come in waves, and so they’re a very good basketball team. I’m really proud of our effort today, I thought we fought for forty minutes. I also thought we did some really good things tonight. I thought the game came down to our inability at times to finish. I know in the first half, I’ll review it when I watch the tape but I know we missed at least five baskets right there. If we make half of those along with the ones we missed in the second half, those are points that might make the outcome a little different. However, I am proud of how we played.”

On overall team performance tonight:

“I thought he did well against a very good Florida State team. Florida State comes out in waves, they have these big, athletic guys that they just keep sending in. Their style of play is the way they constantly pressure the basketball and take passes away. They were very physical and I thought it wore us down and we had a stretch there where our defense wasn’t bad, yet we couldn’t rebound. They would shoot and we wouldn’t contest. It was almost like we stood there like statues and they just went and got the basketball.”

On Florida State’s pressure:

“There are a lot of talent on that team. They’re really talented team and they were prime last year, they could’ve made a run. I think they felt that way too with the talent, and the depth size they had. They play with a sense of urgency they’re incredible together. They are just a very good basketball team.”

Sophomore Guard/Forward Justin Champagnie:

On the effort during today’s game: “I think it was great, well, better than what it has been in a long time. I feel like we fought until the end and didn’t give up. We had a little defensive lapse, but I think we fought for forty minutes.”
On preparing to take on Florida State: It’s rough. You can’t really prepare for a team with that size. But I feel like I tried to face the guys so I can get to the free throw line. I feel like my team isn’t the same, but we just fought.”

Senior Guard Nike Sibande:

On Nike’s season high: “It was definitely interesting – just getting out there, getting more minutes, seeing things, and just getting a better rhythm. I feel like I just get into a rhythm and I’ll be shooting a higher clip. It was good getting out there and get some good burn.”
On starting: “I knew the day of, day before the game that starting was a possibility. That’s when I knew.”