



Coaches Quotes

Florida State 88, Duke 72

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Duke Associate Head Coach Jeff Capel

Opening Statement

"We got beat by a very good basketball team. They are a team that is very talented, athletic bunch. They have depth, leadership, and seem to really love playing with each other. An incredibly together group of players and I was very impressed with this Florida State team. They lived in our paint and we have to do a better job defensively but I am very proud of how we fought. We knew it was going to be a tough challenge coming down here and playing against them but I thought we put ourselves in the position throughout the game to take the lead but it was just a couple of those spurts that hurt us. Before the game, watching the tape it seems like that is what Florida State does. The constant pressure and depth just wears a team down and I thought that happened to us. Again we have to continue to fight and continue to get better but I know that we will and we look forward to moving in to the next opportunity."

On his team going into the second half

"We put ourselves in the position to take the lead like when we were up by two points but we had a lot of ball turnovers that lead to easy baskets by the Florida State offense. Like I mentioned they were living in our paint and we have to do a better job there, we as a group have to do it. Florida State is a very good basketball team and they are hard to keep out of the paint. They have a lot of guys who can drive, they ball screen you to death, and have guys who do a great job of rim running. I am very impressed by them. "

Have you seen a team like Florida State that plays 12 deep?

"I haven't seen a team like that in a very long time, maybe those Arkansas teams back in the early 90's but I haven't seen a team that can go 12 deep like Florida State. They constantly play that many guys and keep bringing them in. They are all athletic, have great size, and they all play with incredible energy. This Florida State team is a very impressive team and is very hard to prepare for. No matter what we do we can't stimulate their athleticism in a practice. The constant pressure and waves of guys they bring in can't be stimulated and that's what makes it hard. I thought our coaching staff did a good job with scouting but overall a very hard team."

Did you rely too much on just two players?

“Well it wasn’t relying on those two players too much, they are the one of the best players in America. That was just the flow of the game. We really needed everyone to play well tonight, and again our effort was good but we didn’t play well as a team. So we didn’t get into the individual stuff coming like relying on just one or two guys. We have to rely on Duke and Duke did not do enough today against a great Florida State team.”

Did the Florida State defense play well against Grayson Allen?

“I think it was more of the Florida States defense. I don’t think what other people say, chant, or do wears on him that much. The kid has been through a lot, he bought a lot of it on himself but some of the things that have happened are just crazy. I am not talking about the chanting, that stuff happens on the road with a really good crowd and they had a really great crowd tonight. But I don’t think that wore on him, I think Florida State’s defense and their relentless pressure did.”

On Duke’s next game against Louisville

“That is the nature of the league, we prepare for it like any other game. We are in a very tough league and so every game is going to be very high-level game but this why these kids choice to play in the ACC because they want to play against that competition. So you know that coming in so it is nothing special you do, you just prepare and you hope you prepared enough where your team can go out and preform at a high level.”

On Florida State’s Crowd

“Best crowd I have seen at Florida State. This team deserves this crowd down here, coach Hamilton, his staff, and players they deserves this. They are a very good team and I hope their students, fans, and the people here understand what they are watching. They seem like a really great group of kids, coach Hamilton is a really great guy so it was a great crowd tonight.”