

GEORGIA BASKETBALL POST-GAME NOTES & QUOTES

GEORGIA 53, FLORIDA 57

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NOTES

- A hard-fought contest, the Bulldogs and Gators exchanged the lead 10 times in addition to four ties in the game.
- The Bulldogs fell despite outrebounding their opponent for just the second time this season. Georgia is now 11-2 in such games.
- Georgia shot a season-low eight free throws in the game, making five.
- Florida's 57 points represented its second-fewest total in a conference game this season (55 vs. Alabama). Georgia held the Gators to their fifth-lowest field goal percentage for a game this season (36.4 percent) and their lowest in a win.
- Yante Maten's 3 at 3:46 of the first half was his second career trey. His previous make from beyond the arc came against Ole Miss on Jan. 9. He had not attempted any 3s since that make.
- Derek Ogbeide registered six first-half points, his highest mark in any half in his career.
- The Bulldogs held Florida to just 24.1-percent shooting on 7-for-29 from the field in the opening frame, its second-lowest percentage for a half this season (7-for-33 in first half at Vanderbilt). The visiting squad closed the first half on a 2-for-17 shooting stretch including zero for their last 11.
- Of Kenny Gaines' 12 points, nine came from 3s in the final 3:49. He scored all of Georgia's points in that stretch. Gaines finished just a rebound shy of a double-double in the contest.
- With four treys in the contest, Gaines surpassed Bernard Davis to claim seventh place all-time for made 3s at UGA. Gaines now has 187 for his career.

DOUBLE-DIGIT BULLDOGS

- J.J. Frazier's 10-point performance was good for his 17th double-digit scoring game of the season and 35th of his career.
- Yante Maten's 11-point performance was good for his 20th double-digit scoring game of the season and 25th of his career.
- Kenny Gaines' 12-point performance was good for his 17th double-digit scoring game of the season and 62nd of his career.

GEORGIA HEAD COACH MARK FOX

On tonight's game...

"Hard fought game. Tough defeat. Florida's kids played hard, our kids played hard... Disappointed in the loss, certainly."

On what went wrong down the stretch...

"One of the things that we've always been able to do is get to the free throw line, and we didn't get in the one-and-one either half tonight. That made it hard for us, because you want to get some easy shots, you want to get some free throws in a game. Those are things that teams that win get. Florida's defense was very good, so we didn't get many easy shots, and we didn't get any free throws."

SOPHOMORE FYANTE MATEN

On his offensive performance...

"Personally, I know I wasn't finishing plays at a high rate tonight. I contribute that to their defense, but it was also me. I could have went up stronger. They were double teaming me so I thought I had to make a move quicker. It just came down to decision making."

On Florida's push in the second half...

"I knew they were going to make a run because most teams do. Basketball is a game of runs. I knew they were going to try and punch. We needed to be ready to fight back and we didn't fight back like we needed to."

FRESHMAN F DEREK OGBEIDE

On Coach Fox's message to the team...

"He talked to us and he spoke to us before the game and at half time, and he told us what we needed to do and how we needed to impose effort and intensity into this team so something like what happened wouldn't, but it did happen. It definitely took a toll on him like it always does, but this one particularly."

On his effort on the glass...

"I'm just trying to get into a rhythm and pick it up some more and help my team the best I can. I don't want to say I did all I could do, because I always think I can do more. If I did, we probably would have won or at least had a better shot or a closer game. I guess I just have to pick it up some more."

FLORIDA HEAD COACH MIKE WHITE

On team's defensive effort...

"That's the way it should be. That's how you should play. You can't rely on having to see the ball go through the basket to play hard...we've struggled a lot of this year offensively. We ride Dorian Finney-Smith with the experience that he's got, but we don't have a bunch of experienced scorers. We've tried to do it by committee, we've tried to do it with our defensive and we've tried to be as good defensively as we possibly can be. In the past two-to-three weeks we haven't been quite as good as we are capable of being defensively."

FLORIDA FRESHMAN G KEVAUGHN ALLEN

On the impact of tonight's win...

"We really needed this win. It was a good win for us. We couldn't rely on our shooting to win this game, but defensively we did a good job locking down and staying focused."