



## **Coaches Quotes**

**Florida State 113, Chicago State 56**

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### **Chicago State Head Coach Lance Irvin:**

#### **Opening Statement**

"I have definitely been a part of some games, but I haven't been a part of a game with a team that shoots that well. We knew coming into the game that they were a really good team, but one thing I was concerned about as a coach is that their speed was going to get to us. So they were able to speed us up, and they were able to use their length to really force us into some turnovers. We didn't execute early on, but at the end of the day that's a really good team. And I've always been fond of Coach Hamilton, I've known him since I was about 12. My father and him were very good friends, my father started off in the AAU circuit and different stuff, so I've known Coach Hamilton since I was about 12."

#### **On changing defenses to slow the game down**

"We were like deer out there; stuff we've worked on in practice we weren't able to execute. I tried changing from man to man to a zone, and then I tried to go 15 which is our 1-2-2 zone. But the thing that got us is their speed. I looked up and I thought we were running in quick sand they were going so fast. He was able to sub like they normally do, and that definitely hurt us. I think their speed got to us. You want to press, at least try to slow them down, but it's tough to do that."

#### **On how to use games like this for the rest of the season:**

"I just told them, there's a couple of teams in our league like UTRG and New Mexico State that are in our conference, they're going to press the ball the same way, just not as long as Florida State. So we're going to use this going down the line. I told our freshman, Rajeir Jones, that if you can bring the ball up against Florida State you can bring the ball up during the conference. He's a combo guard that I had playing since one of my freshman point guards is hurt. I had Ra-Ra, we call him Ra-Ra, bringing the ball up. So this will definitely help us when we play our conference games."

#### **Looking forward to the tournament in Destin?**

"Definitely because we don't have to play Florida State again. I can't get over how fast they are. We want to get over there and play Friday and see if we can do some things we worked on in practice, which we couldn't do against Florida State tonight."