



2019 Florida Basketball Postgame Quotes

Mike White, Florida Head Coach

No.6 Florida 51, Florida State 63

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On where things took a turn...

"Early second half, I didn't think we played well in the first half. I felt good about our game plan coming in. We need to clean up some things offensively and get the ball moving a little bit more, go to the post a little bit more guard threes and settle in. Defensively we just weren't sharp there. We did some good things defensively, and maybe if we played better offensively we could have continued the way we started the game defensively, which I thought was really good. I think we put together a complete defensive game and we struggled to score which affected us offensively, but I wasn't very good"

On this game being a wakeup call and a way to turn it around...

"It could, we have to embrace a lot of the mistakes that we made it's not like it's the first time we have talked about it. We had to figure out what we were going to do against their length, athleticism, and ability. It's what they do, they get turnovers and get the ball in the open floor. We have played off of two feet every day for a month and today we played off of one a lot in the paint today and the outcomes weren't very pretty for us. We just have to buy in to a whole other level on everything we are trying to do here. We had some frustration fouls and defensive possession that we worked hard for 20 seconds then you just go hack the guy. You can't do that against a good defensive team, you can't do that against an ACC opponent. I thought we took some hero shots, some 'it's my turn shots.' Our shot selection has been really good in practice, and pretty good in the opener and exhibitions. We were catching the ball today and it was like a different team out there and different feel. Guys were catching the ball and at that point thinking about what they were going to do with it. It was a lot of standing and little ball movement and Florida State with it. It is hard to run offense against them, they are extended as much as anyone in the country and they deny everything one pass away and swarm to the ball and put a lot of pressure on you which makes it hard to run multiple sets"

On the offense...

"We only had five or six possession's the whole game where the ball moved the way it should have moved. This guy (Blackshear) draws ten fouls and should have had the ball a lot more and that is on me. He needs more touches as long as he is playing the right way, especially in a game like this where it is hard to run the offense and had very little duck in opportunities not only for him but for Omar Payne as well. I thought our guards a little too much put us on your back type of basketball as opposed to just going through our checks like we do in practice every day"

On the frustrations and lack of the ability to score points...

"Getting to the start to we had offensively, it surely doesn't help the cause and we didn't share the ball and take what they gave us, we didn't go through a lot of reads and we got off to rough start and some immaturity kicked in"



On the tentative offense in the first half...

"I think we have to credit FSU's length and their ability to take a guy that is open and when he starts to load the ball, they do a great job of running off the line and make you drive it and rotate. FSU is long and athletic and they make you play really hard and they have good closing speed on the ball as well"

On did he expect this team to show their age and lack of experience...

"Yes absolutely, but I was hoping in this one we could open this one and play really well and end the streak. I tell the guys in practice all the time how far away from where we want to be and we have so far to go. We had emotional shots and emotional fouls and out of character plays from so many of them. I think KJ did some really nice things and when you look back on the positives we should have gotten Omar Payne some more minutes. More than anything I have to do a better job putting the guys in a better position offensively"

On the communication struggles...

"We have to use our outside voices and uses our words. Communication is a two-way street and we need to communicate more clearly and listen better"



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Florida Player Quotes

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#2 Andrew Nembhard, Sophomore Guard

On the shooting slump to start the season...

"I think the shots will start to fall. Stay in the gym, I'm confident."

On the strategy going into the game...

"Getting into the post, looking to give KJ the ball and go through him."

On if they are still finding their way with the new players on the team...

"Yes, definitely. Were still trying to learn how to play together it will take some time."

#11 Keyontae Johnson, Sophomore Forward

On if the loss will wake the team up...

"I feel like we can learn from this game. Everybody knows what they need to do. Just watch film on Monday, lock in".

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

"He told us that we need to focus more on what we're doing. Shootarounds and film wise. Our lack of focus showed in the second half. Coming out of timeouts we weren't doing what he asked."

On the importance for the young guys to put the loss behind them...

"I feel like they will learn from this game. Florida state is a good defensive team, now they know what college basketball is like."

#24 Kerry Blackshear Jr., Graduate Transfer Forward

On the performance of FSU...

"I think they're a very aggressive team, it's a high character group, those guys play hard all the time, they made it tough on us. I thought we got some good looks and we got to make them."

On how disappointing their performance was...

"Very disappointing. We know there is a lot of things we got to work on. I think playing that game makes it more evident for us and it can be a wakeup call. It can show how this team can band together rather than split."