

Coaches Quotes

Florida State 56, Virginia 61

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

John Paul Jones Arena

Florida State Head Coach Leonard Hamilton

Opening Statement:

"I've got to hand it to Virginia because I thought that they did a great job sticking to the game plan for the whole forty minutes. We had a hard time getting any separation at all. When we did get a few points ahead I thought they did a great job staying focused, moving the ball and attacking us off the dribble. We are not the rim protecting team we have been in the past, we had a hard time off the dribble and you have to give them credit. They played closer to their game plan, to their strengths, than we did. Those timely shots and opportunities, they completed them and we didn't complete ours on the other end. We had several layups and wide-open jump shots that didn't fall and they had some layups that went down. That allows a loss to a team that I thought deserved to win."

On Kihei Clark:

"Sometimes, size is misleading. Sometimes when you are small and quick and fast that has its advantages too. He's a very clever guy with the ball. I looked at some of the box scores and he's played thirty-nine minutes. He might be small in stature but he has the biggest heart in the ACC. Guys like that have that special it factor that you can't really identify but he has it. He was extremely confident and I thought that his teammates fed off of him. He made the plays and kept us at bay, making it difficult for us to get it out of his hands. He was probably the biggest factor and made the difference in who won the game. You got to give him credit."

On Virginia's play tonight

"They were clever with the ball, took us off the dribble and those three threes that the big fella [Mamadi Diakite] hit from the corner were huge plays for them. It all made a big, big difference. We lost to a team that played better than us tonight. They earned the victory and they deserved it."