

## **Coaches Quotes**

**Florida State 69, Clemson 70**

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

**Littlejohn Coliseum**

**Clemson, S.C.**

### **Clemson Head Coach Brad Brownell**

#### ***Opening statement:***

"We played really well. Defensively, in the second half, I thought we were very good and fought very hard. In the first part of the game, we had trouble guarding [Florida State]. Offensively, we did about as well as we could against them. We mixed in some things that we're comfortable with. Al-Amir [Dawes] was terrific at different parts of the game. On the play at the end of the game, we just decided to let him go and see what would happen. I was just screaming to go to the basket, and he went in there and made an unbelievable play. I'm extremely proud of our guys."

#### ***On the keys to the win:***

"Florida State is tough to score against. This was a terrific team win with different guys making different plays for our team throughout. I'm really proud of our guys for bouncing back. I can't thank the crowd enough. Obviously, our fans make a huge difference. We mixed in some things in the second half. We threw it to high post and played through Aamir [Simms] some. I thought we showed good offensive poise today against a really hard team to play against."

#### ***On Clemson's impact performers:***

"I was happy to see Khavon [Moore] play like that. He shot-faked and used the rim. We talk all the time with our players about making layups. It's not easy at this level. Al-Amir's layup at the end wasn't an easy layup. It sounds simple, but getting layups and preventing layups makes a huge difference in a basketball game. John Newman [III] was fantastic again. He showed flashes of brilliance and athleticism. Alex [Hemenway] came in and made a big shot and did fine. Defensively, he did OK. He held his own for the most part. Again, this was a lot of guys playing well. Trey [Jemison] gave us seven good minutes. He was a big factor. There were big-time plays from a lot of our guys. This was a great team win."

### **Clemson guard Al-Amir Dawes**

#### ***On the game-winning shot:***

"It was a heart-beating moment. Our coach was like, 'If they score the last shot, let's focus on getting the ball out and making a play for the team.' So, in my head, I was just going to get it and go, and the outcome would be the outcome. And that's what happened."

#### ***On the fan support at Littlejohn:***

"They're a big factor. It's always a big factor to have that crowd every time you walk into a home game. That's what you want to play for."

### **Clemson guard John Newman III**

#### ***On his performance:***

"Everyone is telling me to be aggressive and just be myself, and that was me listening to them today and trusting the work I've put in. They always tell me I put in too much work to not shoot the ball, so I shot the ball. I feel like we're at our best when I do."

***On beating a high-ranked team:***

“It’s a part of our maturity. We have to grow as a team and win the games we’re supposed to win, but when we come here, I think we have more juice and excitement when we’re playing these top teams. I think it shows.”