



Duke University

Postgame Quotes

February 10, 2020 - vs. Florida State

FLORIDA STATE HEAD COACH LEONARD HAMILTON

Opening Statement:

"Obviously, we got beat by a team tonight that I thought was a lot more efficient than we were in the execution and the offense. We're normally the No. 1 free throw shooting team in the league. We didn't shoot well from the three - we shoot about 40% in the league from three. We didn't hit our free throws and I think we gave up some offensive rebounds at tough points in the game. To Duke's credit, I thought their defense had a little something to do with us not being quite as efficient on the offensive end. I thought we had plenty opportunity and I thought each time we faltered Duke made us pay. That's what good basketball teams would do. Hopefully we can learn from this. I thought there were too many important parts of the game where they got two or three offensive put-backs after they missed and we had plenty opportunity on lay-ups. We didn't shoot well on the perimeter. When you're inefficient on all three of those areas against a really good basketball team who is playing really hard and defending you - something bad will happen. All the credit goes to Duke. Coach [Krzyzewski] had them really, really prepared from an energy standpoint. I thought we just didn't do a good job when they did miss during critical points and coming away from the ball. They went really hard against the offensive rebound and I thought that made the biggest difference in the game."

When asked about Matthew Hurt's offensive rebound:

"That's what happens in a big game where everybody is playing hard. You'd like to be able to map out exactly how everything is going to go, but those are the reasons why teams come away with victories - because they're into the moment, they get the offensive put-back, they get the block at the right time and all those things seemed to go Duke's way tonight. They were probably locked in a little more than our guys. I thought our guys gave great effort. I thought we got beat by a team that was a little bit better tonight."

On team maturity:

"We have only two seniors on the team - Trent [Forrest] is one of them. Trent is our most experienced guy. He's been around the longest. He's our leader. He gave us good leadership, but I thought our inexperience showed. We have six players we're trying to incorporate. We're still learning, growing and maturing. "

When asked about pressure on Vernon Carey:

"He's a handful. I'm not sure you ever really... stop a guy like that. I think the attention we gave him opened up doors for guys who were coming off the bench and knocking down those threes. You give and take. You concentrate on him and all of a sudden you get (Alex) O'Connell and Hurt throwing threes from the parking lot. That's kinda what happened, but that's what a good team would do. I think Duke has done a good job of putting the team together that really has all the ingredients to win basketball games."