

Coaches Quotes

Florida State 69, Clemson 70

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Littlejohn Coliseum

Clemson, S.C.

Florida State Head Coach Leonard Hamilton

Opening statement:

"I thought Coach Brownell had a great game plan, exploiting our inability to contain the dribble. We might be the No. 1 free throw shooting team in the ACC, so it was discouraging to see us go 11-for-18. All in all, I thought [Clemson] did a very good job of taking advantage of our inability to contain the dribble. I thought they did a very good job on the defensive end of exploiting our guys' inability to make good decisions when driving the basketball. I think they had seven or eight charges. I'm not sure that I've ever been in a game in my life where a team had that many charges. I thought it was an excellent defensive plan by them."

On the keys to the game:

"Clemson jammed the lane, and our guys didn't recognize that. Those two things made the difference in the game. We were very fortunate to have a 1-point lead with six seconds on the clock. The thing that hurt us once again was [Clemson's] offense having the courage and focus to go the length of the floor in six seconds and score the winning basket. Congratulations to Clemson for an outstanding game. Those guys really did a great job, especially in the second half."

On not taking control of the game in the second half:

"The game has ebbs and flows. I think we might have missed three 3-point play layups in that stretch. When you're on the road against a team that's hungry for a victory, turn the ball over 16 times and go 11-for-18 from the free throw line, that's a recipe for disaster. And that's what happened today."