

Florida State vs. Miami
Coaches Quotes
Florida State 81, Miami 59
January 27, 2021

Florida State Head Coach Leonard Hamilton

Opening Statement:

“Obviously, tonight was a game that was very important to us. There were times we played exceptionally well and (there are) areas we still need to work on. I thought we adjusted there in the second half. We got some guys in there that were able to get some steals, blocks and change the pace of the game. We had two guys get double doubles tonight, (RaiQuan) Gray and (Malik) Osborne. Tonight, we showed that when we’re not shooting the ball well from the perimeter, we can still find a way to get the win. I can’t remember a time in my coaching career when two guys have gotten double doubles in the same game. You’re always happy when one gets it, so for two to be able to, was exceptional.”

On Malik Osborne

“We’re at a point now where Malik is a veteran who is past the development stage and he’s giving us tremendous effort and energy. He has confidence in his game and gives us the opportunity to go small if we need to. He is also the type of player who can help out the bigs, so he’s a very valuable player.”

On Rebounding:

“No doubt earlier in the year we had problems rebounding. Guys are really buying into the game plan. They are getting together and meeting with each other so that everyone is on the same page. They’re doing something that I love to see as a head coach; they are coaching themselves on the little things. They’re all holding each other accountable for the things we set out to do and are sticking to it.”

On Energy

“I think our energy came in spurts. Normally we go man to man but tonight we went in zone a little bit because we didn’t want them out in the space. I thought the zone was somewhat effective because it took time off the clock and gave them less time in the half court set. We should be able to put pressure on the ball even though we’re in zone defense, but I don’t think we did that as well tonight.”

On Anthony Polite

“He has one of those injuries you just have to be patient with. Obviously, he’s improving but the worst thing you can do is rush it.”