

Coaches Quotes

Notre Dame 83, Florida State 73

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Notre Dame Head Coach Mike Brey

Opening Statement:

“What a difference a couple of days makes. I’m very proud of our group; I thought we had some edge about us. To get loose balls, stick our noses in there, and taking some charges helped us and again you’re not going to really run anything pretty against an athletic switching defense. I thought we did a good job the last two days in practice, opening up the floor and just cutting more. Nick Jogo’s movement without the ball early, helped him and helped us offensively get some stuff.”

On finishing the game when the lead was cut to four points

“I would say maybe a little bit of a group mentality and what they talked about in the timeouts and huddles. I thought the body language and what they talked about in those timeouts was a key and they were a little more confident and a little more determined. They talked about it at halftime too, finishing the game. I think it came from them. We knew a run was coming, FSU is too good a team to stay 12 to 14 ahead of them, they’re coming. I thought we got some key loose balls and defensive rebounds that we haven’t done enough of this year. I know we did it and we can do it and maybe we can take it with us to Greensboro.”

On being more aggressive and finally getting a win against a ranked team:

“I wish I had us in more of a 5 out cutting on Wednesday. I really kicked myself because the defense NC State and Florida State is very similar. As we digested stuff and moved on, we kind of got ourselves in that a little bit better and so the floor was open for drives. When we drive a lot of times you know you’re going to get fouled and we’re a great free-throw shooting team; we got there a lot and we cashed in. I think it’s apprentice hub kind of voice in the huddle down the stretch and a Nick Jogo as a vocal guy and Cormac Ryan, who was voted a captain in his first year of eligibility, had a great voice before the game in the locker room and throughout the game.”

On Prentiss Hubb’s game:

“The one thing about him is that he is a gamer and loves to compete and believes. I think at sometimes he had to force some plays that maybe didn’t look pretty but I give him the benefit of the doubt because he is unafraid. I thought that we had a few more guys who were driving it tonight, Cormac, Dane and Trey Wertz handling the ball helps Prentiss a bit. He handles the ball, and it takes Prentiss off the ball some. I would say it was just how they spoke to each other in huddles; we’re going to finish this one, we’re finishing this one. It was great determination after not being able to do that in a couple of places. It was cool to see them learn and then do it. When young people kind of learn and then do it, it’s really gratifying to watch.”