

## **Coaches Quotes**

**Florida State vs. Stetson**

**November 7, 2022**

**Donald L. Tucker Center**

**Tallahassee, Fla.**

**Stetson Head Coach Donnie**

### **Opening Statement**

I have a lot of respect for Florida State and so much respect for Coach Hamilton, I've known him for 25 years, a hall-of-fame coach, a great coach and one of the best coaches I've coached against. I've had the opportunity to play against him at Florida, and also at UCF and have so much respect for him and his staff. Tonight, was just a fortunate night for us, shots went down, Luke Brown from off the bench really got it going, he's that kind of shooter, he's the kind of kid who can put back-to-back threes together when he gets in that rhythm. I thought our guys came out executed what our game plan was, really tried to space them, really tried to get the mismatches, you know they switch everything. Tonight, we were just fortunate that we were able to make the big plays and just hang around. Our goal tonight was to hang around and be in a position to have a shot and I can't be more proud of this team here tonight that came into this kind of atmosphere and the respect we have for Florida State, you know what they've done in this conference and what they've done in the NCAA Tournament. So I'm just really proud of our guys, excited, it's the first game of the season and Florida State is only going to get better.

**Coach I know it's the first game of the season and he's a new player, but do you envision Luke Brown having/playing 30-something minutes off the bench, or was that more because he couldn't miss.**

Yeah you know what, Luke Brown's story is unique. He's done it his whole life, high school, at Indiana, he's a good basketball player, and he's had great success his whole career. He's been the kind of kid who loves the big stage, he loves the opportunity to play, but you know Luke now this is the first time he's really been here, been in our system, we got four new guys. We are still trying to figure out who we are. We played two exhibitions, against two division-two teams and we won at the end. We are still trying to grow and figure out what works. There's a lot of different lineups, a lot of different people. In the game before Jaylon Blackmon was the star with 20-something points, and Luke was one for seven from the field. That's what is unique about this team, guys can really shoot it. I thought it was key that we came in and took care of the ball, Luke had the hot hand and we did a great job making sure we got him touches, he came through and had big plays, but a lot of other guys had some unbelievable efforts tonight that may not show up on the scoresheet or box score but did the things to give it up for the team to give us a chance to win.

**You mentioned you wanted to keep it close, did you feel your team's confidence growing as you kept it close and had the lead in the second half?**

A: We were just playing. Every time we had a timeout we'd say, "Hey you know just win these four minutes, don't pay attention to the score, just win these four minutes. Let's make sure we are executing enough and don't beat ourselves". And you know what, before I knew it I looked up and realized that we were up with three minutes to go, and we had a real shot here. I thought our guys showed poise, confidence and just really proud to walk into this atmosphere with a bunch of these guys still young players to be able to get this win.