



2021 Florida Basketball Postgame Quotes
Mike White, Florida Head Coach
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On the 28-9 run in the second half...

"We tried to simplify our approach a little bit offensively. They're so disruptive. They're terrific defensively, one of the best defensive programs in the country, of course, year in and year out. I thought we pressed the right button leading into this one and in the first half. All of us collectively, players included, just made some subtle adjustments. From then on, it's a matter of whether we could deliver it to them or not. Colin played with some mismatches there in the second half, which allowed us some scores, but it also allowed us to attack some close outs. Some of those drive and kick threes were because of the attention that he demanded on the interior. I thought he was terrific offensively... Finishing some stops, getting out in transition, and made some solid decisions, again, with drive and kicks. The guards played pretty well. It wasn't perfect, of course. I'm sure both teams, this early in the season, will learn a lot from in terms of what we see from the film."

On Duruji setting the tone...

"Duruji is as consistent as a guy in practice that we've had. It's started to carry over to games, of course, this year. The married man, Mr. Ruji... He was really good and brought great energy. We were able to play some small ball with him. He literally guarded one through five for a lot of the game, as did Osborne for them. He stepped up and made some big shots and he continues to be on the offensive glass."

On importance of environment...

"It was rockin'. It was an incredible college basketball environment. It fueled our guys. Honestly, we've got to get used again to playing in front of that decibel level, in front of that electricity, because although it did fuel us, it did. It was definitely a significant home court advantage and I'm very appreciative to all our fans that came, and to the Rowdies and to our administration. At times, we got so hyped up, that said, a couple ill-advised fouls. We've got to continue to learn how to play really, really hard, but channel our emotions, not play emotionally. It's okay to show some emotions, but between whistles, we've got to play disciplined. We've got to do what we do in practice, where there are no Rowdies, right. But, very thankful, again, to our fans. It was a really fun environment for our kids to play in front of."

On whether the environment was contagious for McKissic and other new guys...

"Believe it or not, he's like that with you and seven other people at practice. Yeah those guys are going to have to learn to adjust, of course, to these environments. And not only our environment, but the road environment where it's same thing. It's next play mentality, it's channel your emotions, it's not getting in our feelings... We can't get too high and we can't get too low. That goes for home games, that goes for road games. We've got a great set of home environments in the SEC. We'll play in some nonconference ones as well, and so I'm glad they got to experience it today. Especially the newcomers and even our freshmen. I'm sure that we all had fun. But, we've all got a lot to get better at. We've got a chance to be good, but it's just so early. We've got a lot to learn."