



2021 Florida Basketball Postgame Quotes

Florida State Player Quotes

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#12 Colin Castleton, Senior Forward

On the team's defensive performance...

"It was everything for us, I think. We have a really good group of guys who like playing defense. All of our guards have that grit and that nastiness about them. They just play really well on ball defense. They get deflections and they make it rough for their guards, as you saw today. They turned the ball over. They make it easy for me because they drive in there and then they throw stuff up. I just do what I have to do which is block shots and play good defense around the rim. They make it a lot easier on me for sure."

On how they beat Florida State...

"I don't feel like we beat them at their game. They bring a certain type of energy that they bring every year, but I feel like we just played the way we play. This year, it's a different team. We have a different mentality. We really didn't care about what they were going to bring. It was about us and how hard we were going to play, how tough we were, how much heart we had, and we felt like we brought more of that than they did. That helped us get the win. We did a lot of more things that helped us win the game - played together and played for one another. We were really focused on ourselves. We obviously scout and we know what they're about, but I feel like we brought it the whole game and we just played a really good game."

On Keyontae...

"It meant everything. We came into this game knowing what happened last year and we just played our hearts out for him. Everything was for him. We didn't really care about ourselves individually. We know how bad he really wanted to play in that game. We talked to him before the game and we could just tell that maybe he was a little down about it, but he keeps that same mentality. He loves us and he just shows his emotion on the bench. Everything was for him and Coach White. It's been a long drought, but we flipped that narrative quickly. It was just a big win for Keyontae for sure."

#4 Anthony Duruji, Senior Forward

On beating Florida State...

"We came with a lot of energy. This game was really personal. We just got it done today. I'm glad that we took the win. A lot of factors. It's been, I think, seven years since we beat FSU. It's a rivalry, so we knew we had to come prepared as we did. I'm just glad, again, that we won."

On the second-half run...

"Well, the defense is what was working for us. We have a lot of stops. We were disciplined and that led to easy offense. We had the momentum the whole way. We stayed together, played for each other and took the shots as we prepared for. That's what worked."

On Colin's performance...

"That's really huge. I think Colin had 14 rebounds, if I'm not mistaken. That's extra points right there. That's extra possessions. They can't handle him down there. When everyone was drawn to him, that led to easy kickouts and open threes. We were able to knock down shots in the second half."