

Coaches Quotes

Florida State 97, Lipscomb 60

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Lipscomb Head Coach Lennie Acuff

Opening Statement

"Obviously they (Florida State) played fantastic tonight. We got off to a really good start, down 12 with a minute to go right before half. If we could've got it too ten at the half I would've felt a lot better about it, but they were fantastic the second half. They had not shot the ball very well all year from three and tonight, they go 14-26; if they go 14-26 from three, they are going to be a tough, tough out. Obviously, I am disappointed in the result, but I am in no way discouraged. I was proud of our guys for how we competed. That's what we told them coming into the game: we just want to make sure we play really, really hard for 40 minutes. We have a lot of things we can still clean up but in no way are we walking out of here discouraged. We played six freshmen tonight; the experience we are getting is going to help us down the road. They are unbelievably talented, their size – we have never played anybody with that kind of length and size. They are so well coached; I have a ton of respect for Coach Hamilton. What they do, their whole staff are really good men and they do it the right way. We are going to be better from playing this game. I was proud of how we competed. I thought we had several guys who really played hard and played well. Obviously, Jacob (Ojnacevic) had a good night and it was good to see him continue to produce. I thought Quincy Clark had a really good night, his first night out starting at the point. I thought he had a really good game, and he is just going to keep getting better. We are moving in the right direction, I thought Kaleb Coleman played well off the bench as well. We just have to keep fighting and keep working."

Can you just talk about the beginning of the game, you start off five for five with four threes?

"We were really worried about getting shots against their defense, just the way they pressure and the way they play is hard to play against. But, we got off to a good start, and they're living proof of it in the second half, everything looks good when the ball goes in the hoop, that's the greatest penicillin that I know of. They made shot after shot. I thought we really wanted to get it too ten at the half and then we talked about trying to win the first four minutes of the second half and they just kept hitting us with a haymaker. They hit their first six threes of the second half and I mean when they are shooting like that it's just really, really tough. I know at the five-minute mark left in the game they were shooting 72 percent in the second half and if they are making shots like that, they are going to be a tough out for us."