

Player Quotes

Florida State 76, Syracuse 71

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Syracuse, N.Y.

Florida State Redshirt Senior RayQuan Evans

After losing to those guys at home, what was the mindset coming into this game and how bad did you want to win this game?

"This was a big game. Road wins are hard to come by and especially since they got us at home, we owed them one. We were really focusing our scout and practices and emphasized on being physical, and It paid off we got the win in their place."

Coach Hamilton has talked a bit about how this is a better three point shooting team that it has shown to be at times, how validating is it to have a game like this when y'all are all just so red hot from three

"Its great the way the team is shooting now. I believe we can shoot even better, but this is the team that we have always been. I feel like our shooting slumps have come from not playing team ball, not playing together, not trying to find one another, and confidence. You know we are just playing hard and letting everything just kind of fall into place."

Obviously you guys faced that ten-point deficit at one point and you guys as you mentioned shot well from three-point land against that zone. Are these wins becoming those gritty wins, those wins you must be really physical in?

"You know you have to be able to deal with adversity, Syracuse's (Jesse Edwards is a great player, the Boenheim brothers are great, (Cole) Swider, they are all physical players. When we went into our deficit we continued to play hard, be physical, follow the game plan, and we slowly started chipping away. Defense wins games and that's what we pride ourselves on so we just tried to focus on defense."

I know you are probably not surprised by it because you play with him every day at practice but Harrison (Prieto), the way he came in at the end of the first half, really gave you guys some good minutes, and then again in the second half, could you talk about his play?

"Harry is a very efficient player, he's been here for a while and he understands the offense, understands the defense. He always pays attention, and he always plays hard so for him to come in and have that kind of game is great and I truly believe that he changed the game for us, because immediately when he came in the tempo changed and everything. It was great to see him have that game I am very proud of him."

Three wins in a row, four out of five since you've come back from the covid level, what is your excitement level, what is the team's excitement level for a challenge like Duke coming in Tuesday night?

"We are very excited it's going to be a big game they are coming into the Tuck, we do not want to lose any more games at home so for Duke to come into our home and try to get a win is going to be great and it's going to show everyone in the world what kind of team we are, we are going to fight until the end and I am very excited for that game and I just know it's going to be a great game."

"What does it say about the growth of you guys as a team, especially the younger guys, that when you had a really tough call go against you on that run out and then you guys lose the lead to come back, and not let that kind of get you guys down and to come back and take back control of the game?

"It's a game of runs, I feel like you have to stay really poised in moments like that and you have to come together even closer because in those moments when we are down ten what we have down before is folded and we disconnected but we just put an emphasis on staying together when there are deficits or even when we go one runs just staying together doing what we have been doing, and chipping away at it and continuing to fight the whole game."