



# Duke University

## Postgame Quotes

*February 15, 2022 - vs. Florida State*

### **FLORIDA STATE HEAD COACH LEONARD HAMILTON**

#### **Opening Statement (partial)**

“In the second half they really came out for the game. They were really over playing us and throwing the ball inside to the big guys. I thought that we didn’t execute nearly as well in the second half as we did in the first half. Once they got up about 15 points it was extremely challenging for us to get over that hump.”

#### **On Jalen Warley’s play:**

“I think that Jalen [Warley] is growing up and this was a tremendous opportunity for him to let everyone know that our point guard position is in good hands, as we move towards the future. I thought that he was aggressive, and his defense was solid. He evolved, in this particular game, to be a leader on the floor but sometimes it’s hard to be a leader with young guys trying to figure out how to follow. I thought his defense was good. I thought he showed a lot of confidence with taking the ball to the basket. They were doing a great job putting pressure and he broke that pressure line and got inside quite a bit. He showed that he’s growing up.”

#### **On preparations for short turn arounds:**

“The good thing is that we have a defensive philosophy that we believe in, and every team has some unique offensive skills and systems that we have to adjust to. From an industry standpoint we can’t be too over aggressive because we are playing with a short deck and a few of the guys will be somewhat fatigued. We’ve got film tomorrow, we have a walk through, and then we’ll have a light session on Monday and hopefully that will be enough for us to prepare. I think they (Boston College) played today too, so they’re traveling back to Boston and will be under the same circumstances. This is college basketball. It’s not as bad as it has been. There are four games in eight days, and I try to emphasize that that’s extremely challenging. I think that a lot of teams kind of break down after going through an eight-day stretch playing four games.”

#### **On the health of the team and three-game road trip:**

“We have to find a way. This is the schedule, and this is the schedule that we have to play. I’m sure there are stretches that every team in the ACC will go through, where someone challenges someone. That’s the luck of the draw for us right now and we’ve got to find a way to overcome it. If there is any indication that our guys are focused in relation to how they played today, then I feel we’ll be okay.”