



# LOCKER ROOM QUOTES

**2018 NCAA West Regional**  
**Friday, Mar. 23 // Los Angeles // STAPLES Center (21,000)**  
**Florida State Locker Room Quotes**

## **RS Freshman forward Mfiondu Kabengele**

*On the matchup versus Michigan....*

"We know it will be a war and we need to stay consistent. With a team like that, they wear you down so we need to make sure we stay consistent in transition, defensive principles and offensive execution."

*On what changed from before the Tournament....*

"Before the NCAA Tournament started, we sat down and talked about what we needed to work on. We addressed all the issues, watched a lot more film and were more locked in now."

*On Leonard Hamilton's message to the team....*

"After Selection Sunday, coach told us that we have an opportunity to make a run and now we're here."

*On the role of the bench...*

"Our bench is coming in fresh. So we have a lot of energy and get up and down in transition and our intensity level is high because we are well rested and ready to go."

## **Freshman guard M.J. Walker**

*On the lessons they learned...*

"We had a lot of games where we had some mistakes and didn't play our best basketball, but we needed to learn from that and I know I have learned from my mistakes. These last couple games I feel like we're locked in and are playing our best basketball."

*On the anticipation of Selection Sunday....*

"We didn't know if we were going to make it. We felt like we had a chance and had a lot to prove and we were anxious to see if we were going to make it. You don't know who they will choose. I know some teams felt that they should've been in, but fate was on our side and we were excited to get picked."

*On the practice the day before Selection Sunday....*

"We were locked in and were ready. Everyone had great energy. I feel like we have been locked in every single practice up to this point because we know it is all or nothing."

## **Freshman center Ike Obiagu**

*On what has changed since the start of the year....*

"We weren't as hyped and we weren't playing with our same passion as we are now. Teams were getting rebounds over us, back-dooring us and doing all the little things better, like loose balls."

*On seeing Xavier as the one seed in their region....*

"I heard about what happened last year versus Xavier. We knew that we wanted to get revenge and set things straight. We were excited to see them on our side on Selection Sunday"

*On the Xavier win....*

"That was a turning point in our season compared to how we finished in the ACC finishing 9-9 and eighth in the league. We haven't lost since then so that was definitely a turning point."

## **Junior guard PJ Savoy**

*On the depth of the team....*

"This coaching staff tells us that if we played anywhere else that we would be starters. We all believe in each other and all play within each other and have confidence in each other. It helps us tremendously. We are one of the deepest teams in the nation. Everyone comes in and provides energy."

*On what makes the team special....*

"The chemistry of the guys. We love being around each other on and off the court, so why not stay with each other."

*On getting everyone on the same page early on....*

"It was difficult. It was something we had to work at. We had a lot of guys who were the guy in high school and it took time and hours in practice."