



# Opponent Quotes

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## Miami Head Coach Jim Larranaga

### **Opening Statement:**

"I thought that was a great college basketball game, great atmosphere. The crowd was into it from start to finish. They really, I think, created an electricity that made the game pretty special. I thought we played very well first half. We led almost until the bitter end. They came back and made some big plays and we obviously were not able to hold on to the elite. [Pitt] deserves all the credit."

### **On Pitt's defensive breakdown in the last play:**

"Mostly we turned the ball over. While they're scoring, we needed to score. We've been scoring and keeping ahead of them back and forth. It wasn't our defense was about like it's been, we gave up 69 points to a battle but we had to keep scoring and we didn't do that."

### **On the final turnovers:**

"Obviously we don't want turnovers. So, you know, a couple of times we thought we had, you know, great opportunities to finish the play and then we didn't."

### **On how the game started:**

"I think we both were very conscientious of the defense: us guarding their threes to get, but they weren't, and halftime but they were like two for eight at halftime. Our guys did a good job. Second half they really got it going, which stretches our defense out even further. And they started making those, and when they do that they become a very hard team to defend. And if they're scoring in order to counter that, you got to score."

### **On having the same strategy for the second half:**

"No, they did the same. They run the same offense. They didn't change it. But one of the things that happens is you try to exploit matchups, and Burton was really effective at getting in the paint. Even if he missed Ferderiko was there for the offensive stick back. But their guards like Elliott making a key three, I don't know which shot gave them the lead, but Elliott made a three very late in the game that I think gave them the lead so then you got to make shots."