

**University of Louisville 53, University of Miami 80 | December 4, 2022**  
**Miami Head Coach Jim Larrañaga**

**(Overall thoughts on the game)**

"I was very concerned because their size is a real challenge for us, we're undersized. But our guys defended so well and they rebounded so well. On offense, we were able to execute and get a commanding 19-point lead at the half. What was even better and more impressive is we were able to extend that 19 points to 30 points in the second half. It gave us the opportunity to substitute freely, keep everybody fresh, and our guys did a great job from start to finish today."

**(Is there anything in particular that you were most impressed with from the way your team played?)**

"I think rebounding because they (Louisville) are so much bigger and taller than us. If they were able to pound the ball inside, that would have been a problem for us in terms of foul trouble. Also, shooting a high percentage from the two-point line. **Norchad (Omier)**, **Jordan (Miller)**, and **Anthony (Walker)** did a good job defensively. **AJ Casey** came in and gave us a nice lift. Again, it was a total team effort."

**(What did you like from your team defensively from start to finish?)**

"When Louisville went so big to start the game, our pressure on the ball made it very difficult for them to get easy baskets. That's really the whole key. If you can contest shots, take away easy baskets, and stay out of foul trouble, then you give yourself a chance to be successful."

**(How nice was it to see that spread outbound scoring attack?)**

"I like the way we shared the ball and I like the way our bench came in and really helped us. When your bench plays well, it normally means you're going to have a good game. This afternoon, our bench outscored the opponent 30-15. 30 points off of our bench is definitely a season-high and might be the highest bench point total for quite some time."

**(What did you like from the freshmen? Specifically the group that played those last minutes of the game?)**

"The defense played well. I thought **AJ Casey** did a terrific job. I think **Favour (Aire)** saw what we see in practice where he fouls a lot. He had four fouls in about seven minutes of playing time. I thought **Christian Watson** did a nice job and made a three-pointer, made a good pass for a layup, played some good defense and got a terrific traffic rebound. **Jakai Robinson**, who is very steady in practice, showed that during the late stages of the game. It was a very good, overall team effort."